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Ms Hills: Please accept the attached letter from Mohamed Dahodwala, MD as public comments in support of the above subject project. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks.

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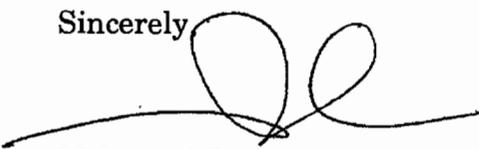
Chairman Dale Galassie
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Chairman:

I am in support of the proposed SAH Dialysis Center at 26th Street in Chicago. As a practicing Cardiologist in the Chicago region, I am very aware of the stresses Chronic Kidney Disease and End Stage Renal Disease has on a patient's body. CKD can lead to cardiovascular disease (CVD). Conversely, CVD can lead to kidney disease. The two diseases are strongly intertwined. Patients that are diagnosed with CKD and CVD are often plagued by the same ailments like obesity, hypertension, high LDL cholesterol, anemia, disturbed mineral metabolism, high levels of homocysteine, parathyroid hormone excess and diabetes. Educating and monitoring patients that present with any of these symptoms is the best approach to ensuring that the conditions do not materialize. An estimated thirty one (31) million people in the United States that are living with CKD as sited by the American Kidney Fund.

The proposed dialysis site is the kind of collaborative care facility that dialysis patients are in need of. The connectivity of services like primary care, referrals to specialist like Cardiology and Endocrinology, diabetes education, and links to social service networks will be instrumental in ensuring these patients are maintaining a healthy lifestyle. This innovative clinic incorporates the essential services needed to help minimize the patient's potential ESRD diagnosis. I fully support the establishment of this 15-station dialysis center located at 3059 W. 26th Street, Chicago, IL 60623.

Sincerely,



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