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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Guy Dugan and I am a physician specializing in pulmonary medicine and critical care serving patients in the western and northwestern suburbs of Illinois. I am also on staff at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove and work with Suburban Lung Associates (SLA).

My 27 years of experience in practicing medicine has afforded me the opportunity to work with many physicians over the years, including Dr. Mohammed Ahmed and Dr. Anis Rauf, who are intensivists in our program at ABMC. They bring special expertise in the areas of nephrology and critical care medicine. I have the utmost respect for both of them and have great respect for their clinical abilities. As I understand it, they are seeking approval to bring a new dialysis provider to the western suburbs.

Not only do I believe there is a growing need for additional dialysis services, but I believe that Drs. Ahmed and Rauf bring a strong patient-centered approach to caring for patients suffering with renal disease. In my role as an intensivist, I have worked alongside both physicians for the past four years since their practice in 2007 as they too treat the sickest and most vulnerable of patients in our hospital. I have seen first-hand the quality care and compassion they provide to their patients day in and day out.

Over the past four years, I've watched their medical practice experience incredible growth, which I believe is a testament to both the prevalence of renal disease, but most importantly, their unwavering commitment to their patients. Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Rauf's guiding philosophy is that the only interest to be considered is the patient's interest. I have no doubt this will be the same principle that guides their efforts as they look to open new dialysis facilities in communities that need them.

Please consider this letter as a show of my full support for U.S. Renal Care's applications for proposed dialysis facilities for the western suburbs. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,