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RE: Project No. 11-024, U.S. Renal Care Oak Brook Dialysis
Project No. 11-025, U.S. Renal Care Bolingbrook Dialysis
Project No. 11-026, U.S. Renal Care Streamwood Dialysis

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to lend my support for the new dialysis centers proposed by U.S. Renal Care for Chicago's west and southwest suburbs. I treat patients in the Western Suburbs and am Director of Renal Transplantation at Loyola University Medical Center. I have an excellent working relationship with Dr. Rauf and Dr. Ahmed who have frequently referred transplant candidates to us over the last several years.

I understand the delicate balance that is involved when it comes to counseling patients for a potential kidney transplant. Unfortunately, we have more patients waiting for a kidney transplant than we have organs available. A kidney transplant could lead to a better quality and longer length of life if the transplant is successful.

From my experience, Drs. Ahmed and Rauf are both fully capable of treading this balance and recognizing when a transplant, rather than continued dialysis, is in a patient's best interest. These are skilled physicians who put their patients first time and time again.

As you consider these applications, please understand that I support U.S. Renal Care's plans to open three West Suburban Dialysis centers that would offer choice to patients in the area. Given the need for dialysis and the expertise of U.S. Renal Care's leadership I can confidently say that these facilities are in the best interests of patients across the area.

Sincerely,

David Holt, M.D.

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