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Mike,

Attached please find two letters in support of the proposed Shiloh Dialysis (Proj. No. 11-097). Please let me know if you have any questions.

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December 13, 2011

Mr. Dale Galassie
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review
Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Letter of Support for Shiloh Dialysis, Project No. 11-097

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a dialysis patient, and I live in O'fallon, Illinois. I am writing to support the establishment of Shiloh Dialysis, a 12-station dialysis facility to be located at 1095 North Green Mount Road, Shiloh, Illinois. There are five dialysis facilities in the area which are heavily utilized. As a result, it is difficult to schedule my dialysis during an optimal shift. It is very important to me and other dialysis patients living in the area that a dialysis facility is established in Shiloh to maintain sufficient access to dialysis. I can't live without it.

I depend on family to get back and forth from dialysis three days a week. Because I am at the facility for four to five hours each time, my family usually does not wait for me. This means they have to go from home to the facility/back home and then make another trip to retrieve me. This is very difficult for my family. It is also difficult for me to be dependent in this way. I know that I'm not alone with this situation. Transportation is frequently an issue for dialysis patients, as many others are also reliant on friends and family, public transportation, non-emergency transportation providers, and nursing home staff to make our dialysis appointments. It is imperative that dialysis patients, such as myself, have regular and close access to treatment so we can schedule our dialysis around our lives and not vice versa.

DaVita Metro East is heavily utilized. A new facility would alleviate overcapacity at existing facilities and provide more flexible scheduling at all facilities.

DaVita is a leading provider of dialysis services in the United States. It has taken on many initiatives to improve the lives of patients suffering from chronic kidney disease and end stage renal disease. DaVita recognizes the unique and vital role it plays in enhancing care for renal patients throughout the country. I am grateful to have the benefit of a provider like DaVita in my community.

I fully support the proposed Shiloh Dialysis.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Poindexter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Kimberly Poindexter
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Additionally, I am 69 years old and rely on a cane to get around. I have a genuine fear of falling, particularly when it is dark or during the winter when it is snowy and icy outside.

DaVita Metro East is heavily utilized. I receive dialysis treatments during first shift every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6am to 12pm. This is not optimal. Not only am I at an increased risk for falls because I am arriving the facility in the dark, but it is also a hardship for my family who must transport me to and from my appointment. A new facility would alleviate overcapacity at existing facilities and provide more flexible scheduling at all facilities.

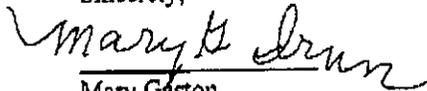
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