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Dear Ms. Courtney Avery,

I am writing to you because I support U.S. Renal Care and Dr. Michael Cohan's plans for a dialysis facility in Villa Park. I have been a patient of Dr. Cohan's for two years now. Opening a new facility in Villa Park would give so many patients a better option for care.

I began my dialysis treatments two years ago at the facility in Villa Park. It was close to my home and easy for me to get to. Since it has moved to Elmhurst, it has not been as convenient for me and many patients like me. Now that the facility has moved it takes much more time and effort just to make the trip. With gas prices hitting new highs additional travel times are not only inconvenient but also very expensive. This is not something dialysis patients should have to think about.

I feel fortunate that Dr. Cohan is my nephrologist. He has always taken excellent care of me, especially after I underwent surgery in 2010. Please let the new Villa Park dialysis facility open. There are so many whose lives would be made easier if this facility were approved. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Bessie Gianakopoulos

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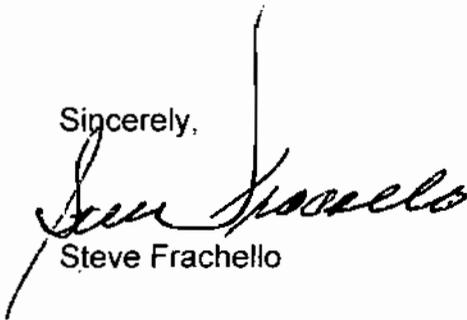
Dear Ms. Avery:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support of the opening of a U.S. Renal Care dialysis facility in Villa Park. I have been a dialysis patient since 2010 under the care of Dr. Michael Cohan. Thanks to his support and encouragement, I am able to manage my daily peritoneal dialysis care within the comfort of my own home. As a result, I did not have to make the difficult choice between dialysis and work. However, I understand that this is not the case for many other patients.

For patients who receive dialysis care, it is an incredibly exhausting and draining process. To tax patients with the additional burden of excessive travel times is inconvenient and greatly impacts the quality of life for these patients. Additionally, with the price of gas increasing at an astronomical rate, it is unfair to ask these patients to pay an arm and a leg just to travel to receive a service that is vital to their survival.

I thank you for taking the time to consider my support for a U.S. Renal Care dialysis facility in Villa Park and urge you and the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve their proposal.

Sincerely,



Steve Frachello