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**Re: Letter of Support for Red Bud Dialysis, Project No. 12-034**

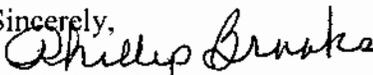
Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a dialysis patient, and I live in Sparta, Illinois. I am writing to support the establishment of Red Bud Dialysis, an 8-station dialysis facility. There are no dialysis facilities within 30 minutes of Red Bud. As a result, I have to dialyze at Metroeast Dialysis in Belleville, which is approximately 45 minutes away. As a result, it is difficult for me to arrange transportation to make my appointments. It is very important to me and other dialysis patients living in the area that a dialysis facility is established in Red Bud to improve access to dialysis. I can't live without it.

I depend on my family to get back and forth to treatment three times a week. This is very difficult for my family. Because of the distance, my family must wait for me at the dialysis clinic.

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 Red Bud Dialysis.

Sincerely,  
  
Philip Brooks

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Metroeast Dialysis is heavily utilized. I receive dialysis treatments during the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30-7:30. This is not optimal. Not only am I at an increased risk for falls because I am leaving 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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