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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities
and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am writing to confirm the City of Red Bud's support for the application from DaVita, Inc., and Total Renal Care, Inc., to develop an end stage renal dialysis facility in Red Bud.

Our local assessment of this proposal has assured our City representatives that:

- The organizations have a positive track record of developing successful dialysis facilities in rural areas.
- The proposed facility does not duplicate or compete with existing services, or planned, future services, at Red Bud Regional Hospital, and in fact complements existing out-patient care.
- The planned, market outreach area mirrors most of the traditional geographic footprint successfully served by the former St. Clement Hospital (now Red Bud Regional Hospital).
- The market outreach area also addresses service to communities to the east and to the south of Red Bud, acknowledging similar retail customer transportation patterns.
- Local physicians recognize and support the proposed facility as a very valuable asset for their patients, for regional communities, and for other area medical providers in southwest Illinois.
- A local dialysis facility addresses the problem of transportation for rural residents, with this site location allowing area residents to use Monroe Randolph Transit District services to travel to and from a facility located in Red Bud.

The City of Red Bud is pleased to be identified as a location for the DaVita and Total Renal Care dialysis facility. Moreover, we are excited at the prospect of hosting a health care facility which will improve the lives of hundreds of our fellow citizens. We want to offer our full support for approval and development of the facility.

Sincerely

Tim Lowry
Mayor
City of Red Bud