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Dale Galassie, Chair

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Springfield, IL 61761

RE: Project #12-052 Tazewell County Dialysis, Letter in Support of Dr. Usman

Dear Chairman Galassie,

I have been a general surgeon at Pekin Hospital for nine years and have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Usman over the last several years. Dr. Usman and I share many patients, and we are keenly aware of the hardship of driving long distances for many of our elderly or disabled. A local and more accessible dialysis center with more flexible time availability is critical in our aging populations. I trust Dr. Usman has the qualifications to run such an establishment. The patients will also have the opportunity to choose for the first time an alternative to the current centers and their methods.

Dr. Usman has provided superb service to the Pekin Community, even while still a nephrology fellow at Barnes Hospital, Washington University in St. Louis. He has filled in last minute for the covering physician when they had an emergency on numerous occasions. This is while also being a father to a newborn and toddler. He is a well-rounded yet dedicated physician.

Besides dedicated service, Dr. Usman provides quality evidence based medicine, with a compassionate demeanor, and a sense of humor. Patients and staff alike enjoy working with him, respect his expertise and have confidence in his care.

I would like to give my personal and professional support for Dr. Usman and his proposal for DaVita Dialysis facility.

Sincerely,



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General Surgeon