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September 14, 2018

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project No. 17-029, Melrose Village Dialysis

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from Melrose Commons Senior Residences for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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MELROSE COMMONS
Senior Residences

September 13, 2018

Courtney Avery, Administrator
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525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
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RE: DaVita Melrose Village Dialysis, Melrose Park, Project 17-029

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am the Manager of Melrose Commons Senior Residences in Melrose Park. On behalf of our residents, I write to express my support for DaVita's proposal to build Melrose Village Dialysis here. Melrose Park is a long-established village that is very densely populated. As with many communities in the area, its 65+ population has grown by 15.3% between 2012 and 2016.[1]

At Melrose Commons we provide independent housing options for an aging population. Many elderly individuals suffer from chronic diseases that often plague this population, such as hypertension, diabetes and kidney disease. Some of our residents require dialysis and they must figure out transportation to and from their appointments three times per week. This requires careful coordination and is not an easy feat for our residents. Our residents can take advantage of the village shuttle service; however, scheduling at odd times really becomes a challenge. It is my understanding that the two dialysis clinics in the Village are highly utilized which also increases the difficulty of our residents to schedule treatment times. Due to limited availability of open dialysis slots, much of the time public transportation is not a realistic option. It will be even more difficult for new residents who need dialysis to access the area clinics.

We are pleased to serve our residents and we try to assist them as much as possible. Unfortunately, this high utilization of area clinics can create unnecessary hardships for our residents and other area folks with end-stage renal failure. They would greatly benefit from improved access to dialysis services in Melrose Park, a community that has highly utilized clinics.

For these reasons we hope to welcome DaVita, a dialysis provider with national reputation for high quality patient care[2], to Melrose Park. We know our residents will benefit from having an additional dialysis provider in the area, in addition to having better appointment availability. We also look forward to the care coordination that DaVita Melrose Village Dialysis will have with Northwest Medical Associates of Chicago, Inc. to further improve dialysis patient care and outcomes in our community. Melrose Commons Senior Residences fully supports the proposed clinic and we respectfully ask that you approve the project in October.

Sincerely,

Stacy Karonis, Manager

[1] US Census Bureau, QuickFacts-Melrose Park Village, Illinois (2008-2012 through 2012-2016)
[2] https://www.davita.com/about