

May 13, 2018

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RE: DaVita Romeoville Dialysis Center, Project 17-043

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Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to voice my full support for DaVita Romeoville Dialysis. This clinic will address the need for services for people with kidney failure who live in northern Will County. The Romeoville area of Will County has high population density and is growing. For my part, it provides a comfortable lifestyle for seniors. As a health care provider, I understand how the growing demand for dialysis services across the state is being driven by aging. Like other organs, kidney function declines with age. As we see a growing senior population cohort due to the baby boomers, high-quality innovative providers like DaVita need to provide an adequate supply of clinics which are close to patients home and with available treatment slots.

Beyond aging, lifestyle issues with overconsumption of packaged products and other convenient, high calorie, nutrient sparse foods and a sedentary lifestyle contribute to the disease burden this country faces with renal failure. Being overweight is a main risk factor for both of the underlying causes of kidney failure, diabetes and hypertension.

There is no overutilization of dialysis services. You are either in kidney failure and you need the services or your kidneys function. Further, the reimbursement is based on treatments, not buildings. So the risk of overbuilding lies only with the provider, This agency must error on the side of access - overall supply must be available and these clinics must be placed in areas where patients live.

I urge you to approve Romeoville Dialysis.

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Dear Ms. Olson:

I write to express my support for a project that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board will hear at the upcoming June meeting: Romeoville Dialysis Clinic.

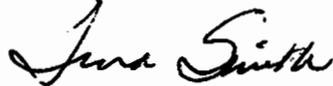
Patients with ESRD undergo a number of lifestyle restrictions in order to accommodate their illness. It plays a significant toll on their well-being. This is particularly true when a patient is over 60, has multiple other illnesses and has financial difficulties. Here are some basic revelations:

- Dialysis is the hardest work your body will ever do while you are "doing nothing"
- The dialyzer gives a person 10% kidney function
- The role of the support person is critical and demanding. It is not a simple deal to have to sit there while your loved one goes through dialysis.

Access to dialysis services in the area where a patient lives is essential to their well-being.

I support DaVita's efforts to make sure we will have the appropriate number of dialysis stations to serve area residents and I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the project.

Sincerely,



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RE: DaVita Romeoville Dialysis Center, Project 17-043

Dear Ms. Olson:

I write to share my full support for DaVita's proposed Romeoville Dialysis clinic. I live in Carillon Lakes, an active retirement community in northern Will County. The proposed clinic would be a welcome addition to help improve dialysis access for those in my community.

The Romeoville area of Will County is densely populated, more so than other parts of the planning area, and continues to grow. Like many others in the area, my wife and I enjoy the area's comfortable lifestyle for seniors. Based on our professional experiences, we also know first-hand how the aging population is driving growing demand for health care services including dialysis in Illinois. Kidney function tends to decline with age and it is also driven by other chronic diseases that have higher prevalence in the elder generations. As our baby boomer generation continues to grow the senior population, we will need innovative health care providers, like DaVita, to address these issues and ensure that we have appropriate access to the services we need. The proposed Romeoville clinic will help ensure ongoing access for dialysis services in the community that are high-quality, convenient for area residents, and have improved availability compared to current providers that are nearing capacity.

Unfortunately, kidney disease is not limited to the senior population. With growing rates of obesity, diabetes and hypertension, we also continue to see kidney failure in the younger community because each of these illnesses also contributes to kidney disease. As a result, we are seeing features of the American lifestyle - namely fast food and sedentary behavior - further contribute to community needs for dialysis.

Fortunately for the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, there is no overutilization of dialysis services. Patients either have kidney failure, and require dialysis, or they have kidney function. I urge you to approve the proposed Romeoville Dialysis clinic to ensure that area residents have appropriate access to dialysis services when and where they need it most.

Sincerely,



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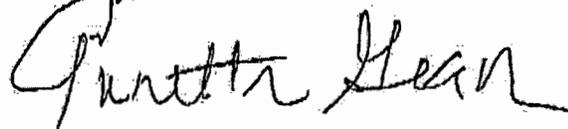
I write to voice my ongoing support for DaVita's proposed Romeoville Dialysis clinic. I am a current patient of Dr. Teresa Kravets and have been on dialysis for nearly four years.

When I first began dialysis, I was very discouraged. I was not progressing under the care of my then-nephrologist and it was easy to feel hopeless. Fortunately, I learned of Dr. Kravets when she was listed as one of the best physicians in the Chicago metropolitan area. I became her patient shortly thereafter and have been very happy with my decision and care ever since. Dr. Kravets makes a point of knowing each of her patients personally - she remembers us and she is invested in our health care and progress. She will be a wonderful Medical Director for the Romeoville Dialysis clinic.

Additionally, I am pleased to know that DaVita will be operating this proposed dialysis clinic. I have received excellent care from DaVita. I and other patients who I have met during my dialysis treatments always feel our care is in very capable hands at DaVita. Like Dr. Kravets, this provider truly goes the extra mile to offer exceptional quality care. DaVita is also committed to long-term patient success as demonstrated by their efforts to promote the early adoption of AV fistulas and their work carefully educating patients to help prevent any complications during the course of their dialysis care.

For these reasons, I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Romeoville Dialysis clinic. This clinic will help to make sure area patients like me will have access to much-needed dialysis services in Romeoville.

Sincerely,



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