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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: North Dunes Dialysis (Proj. No. 17-066)

Dear Ms. Olson,

On behalf of Erie Family Health Centers (Erie), I am writing this letter of support for DaVita North Dunes dialysis. DaVita North Dunes will bring much needed dialysis services to Waukegan and surrounding communities. Erie Family Health Centers is comprised of 13 health centers, including Erie HealthReach Waukegan, which serves residents of Waukegan and surrounding communities. At Erie, we are committed to providing accessible, affordable, and high-quality healthcare regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

Waukegan is a federally-designated health professional shortage area and a medically underserved area. It is also a low-income community that is home to a large minority population, that faces higher rates of chronic conditions such as diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, and kidney disease. Waukegan residents face significant health disparities due to limited resources, low levels of health care literacy, and other socio-demographics that lead to healthcare inequities. Due to the significant healthcare shortages many patients receive fragmented care and are often suffering from undiagnosed chronic diseases, including chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease.

Unfortunately for such patients who need dialysis services, both Waukegan dialysis clinics are very busy and have limited ability to accommodate more patients. This creates access problems for Waukegan residents who require kidney treatments. Kidney disease continues to rise and for the foreseeable future, these services will be needed.

Erie is committed to improving the health of Waukegan and Lake County residents through the delivery of affordable, comprehensive, and culturally and linguistically competent care. Erie values DaVita North Dunes as healthcare provider and supports their proposed second location in Waukegan, which will bring additional dialysis services to communities in need.

Sincerely,



Lee Francis, MD, MPH
President and CEO

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RITA MAYFIELD
STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 60TH DISTRICT

Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chair
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As the 60th District Representative for the City of Waukegan, a beautiful city on the shores of Lake Michigan. Our city has plans to revitalize our lake front area and we are actively investing in the future of Waukegan, so that our resources can continue to serve future generations for years to come.

We are also committed to making sure our health care resources are sufficient to support our aging population and those living with chronic disease. This is an essential task given Waukegan's federal designation as a medically underserved area and health professional shortage area.

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We support DaVita in its efforts to improve dialysis access in Waukegan and I ask that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the proposed application in full.

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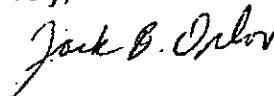
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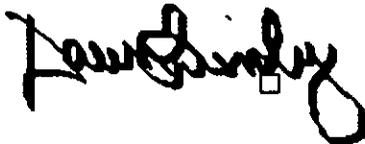
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