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Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board Services  
Attn: Ms. Courtney Avery  
525 West Jefferson Street  
2 Floor  
Springfield, IL. 62761

Re: Davita Oak Meadows Dialysis  
Support for Protecting 17-068

Dear Ms. Avery and Board Members ,

I am writing this letter in support of a Proposed New Kidney Dialysis Services center in the Oak Lawn Community. I understand that this district includes areas with the highest demand for Kidney Dialysis services in the entire state. So it pleases me to learn that Davita has applied for a Certificate Of Need to expand their practice into the Oak Lawn Area. It is for this reason I am respectfully requesting Dialysis Center be placed in Oak Lawn area. Davita is a leading provider of Dialysis Services nation wide, and is committed to innovation, integrity , accountability improving clinical outcome. They also have comprehensive care in educating patients and community out reach.

The number of people diagnosed with kidney disease has doubled and each of the last 2 decades. Although it can occur at any age , older Americans are at higher risk, since people are not just surviving to retirement age but living much longer lives. Prevalence of kidney disease is expected to sky rocket over the next decade. Apparently this clinic now will a lot to become operational in time to meet these projected needs and access problems. The project is consistent with thoughtful and well-tailored health care planning .

Respectfully ,

Daniel Lipinski  
U.S. Representative  
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