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September 21, 2018

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

- **Project 18-017, Marshall Square Dialysis, Chicago**

Dear Ms. Avery and Members of the Review Board:

The need for life-sustaining kidney dialysis to combat end stage renal disease has increased significantly in the United States over the last twenty years. In fact, a shortage of dialysis stations is projected in Chicago's 24th Ward, which I serve. For this reason, I would like to endorse the issuance of a *Certificate of Need* for DaVita's Marshall Square Dialysis (project 18-017).

Chicago's 24th Ward sits inside a federally designated health professional shortage area. Our neighborhood ranks among those with the highest demand for additional dialysis stations in Illinois. In zip code 60623 alone, it is projected that we will require dialysis for 151 new patients within the first two years after DaVita's Marshall Square project is constructed.

DaVita consistently ranks first in outcomes as scored by the federal government in a rating system aimed at improving the quality of care provided to Medicare patients – a distinction DaVita has held for the last four years. Additionally, I applaud the fact that DaVita physicians treat all patients with excellence, compassion, and resect, without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, or ability to pay.

This new DaVita dialysis center represents the thoughtful, careful planning for health services your board is seeking to endorse. I encourage you to vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully,

Alderman Michael Scott, Jr.
Chicago's 24th Ward