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Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
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Re: Letter of Opposition –(18-048 - DaVita Sauganash Dialysis, Chicago)

Dear Mr. Constantino-

My name is Ted Simmons, CEO and Facility Administrator at Center for Renal Replacement, LLC, located at 7301 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. I'm writing this letter in opposition of the proposed DaVita project, DaVita Sauganash Dialysis, Chicago. It is our contention that there are several dialysis facilities in the surrounding community that are operating below full utilization. The table below shows the surrounding dialysis centers, the % utilization, and distance from the proposed project.

Facility	Medicare #	Distance from proposed project	June 2019 % Utilization
Center for Renal Replacement, LLC	142663	2.2 Miles	53%
Davita- Big Oaks	142712	3.9 Miles	59%
FMC- North Kilpatrick	142501	2.5 Miles	79%
FMC- Rodgers Park	142522	3.3 Miles	75%
Nephron Dialysis Center	142600	2.8 Miles	97%

As you can see, our facility has the space and resources available to accommodate the needs of the population outlined in the proposed facility. Our independently owned and operated center provides a dialysis experience different from the large corporate facilities. It has a family atmosphere, and the emphasis is placed on quality patient care and not just filling empty dialysis chairs. Credentialing for additional nephrologists is very simple, and our patient intake process is handled quickly and efficiently. Our diverse patient care team speaks English, Cantonese, Hindi, Russian, Spanish, and Tagalog. We operate with state-of-the-art equipment and are able to offer the latest cutting edge FDA approved medications for our dialysis patient's safety and well-being.

Center for Renal Replacement has been in operation since January, 2005, never reaching full utilization. We are committed to continuing to provide and improve access to high quality health care services in the local community. The opening of the proposed DaVita facility will have a negative impact on our and surrounding centers, and we request its CON application not be approved.

Thank you for your consideration, and please reach out to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Simmons', written in a cursive style.

Ted Simmons, CEO/Facility Administrator
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