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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

October 2, 2019

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
Attention: Courtney Avery, Administrator

**Re: Letter of Support for Austin Dialysis at Loretto  
CON Project 19-022**

Dear Board Members:

I am currently serving as the Executive Director of Austin Chamber of Commerce. Our organization serves as a resource and liaison for businesses in the Austin Neighborhood.

I am writing to express our support for the certificate of need (CON) permit application submitted by Austin Dialysis at Loretto, a joint venture with Loretto Hospital to establish a 12-station in-center hemodialysis center. We ask the members of the State Board to approve this project and grant a CON permit because this project will enhance access to important healthcare services in a traditionally underserved and impoverished community. There are no other infusion centers in the Austin area, therefore it is very much needed. We kindly request that you approve this application. We believe the project is both necessary and in the best interest of our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Melody Lewis  
Executive Director

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