ATTACHMENT 6

LETTERS OF SUPPORT
Letters of Support
Private and Employed Physicians
Kevin R. McDonald  
Chief, Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center in Baltimore. As a practicing nephrologist in the community, I am well-acquainted with the expertise of the MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and its physicians, and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise into the Baltimore region.

I particularly look forward to the opportunity to avail my patients of an expansion of a transplant program that can offer them access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-sav ing liver transplant. Also, because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients also are aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in the state of Maryland, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers as well as the opportunity to have family resources at hand.

Sincerely,

Sarina Ahuja, M.D.
Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community.

My patients are also aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers.

For these reasons, I support the approval of Certificate of Need for the opening of a Medstar Transplant Institute at Franklin Square Hospital without reservation.

Sincerely,

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Ibikunle O. Koya, M.D.
Mid-Atlantic Nephrology Associates, P.A.
Kevin R. McDonald
Chief, Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center in Baltimore. As a practicing nephrologist in the community, I am well-acquainted with the expertise of the MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and its physicians, and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise into the Baltimore region. I have multiple patients that had kidney transplant from Georgetown. I am impressed with their care. My patients only wished they were closer for follow-up visits.

I particularly look forward to the opportunity to avail my patients of an expansion of a transplant program that can offer them access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-saving liver transplant. Also, because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients also are aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in the state of Maryland, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers as well as the opportunity to have family resources at hand.

Sincerely,

Jia Liu M.D.
March 31, 2017

Kevin R. McDonald
Chief, Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As the current director of inpatient dialysis services at the University of Maryland Midtown Campus and the former chairman & vice-chairman of the Maryland Kidney Commission, I am writing this letter to support approval of a Certificate of Need for a kidney transplant program at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. Accessibility to a transplant center the caliber of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute (MGTI) is highly desirable for the community in general. Many of my partners from Mid-Atlantic Nephrology Associates, the largest private group practice in the state of Maryland, also support this accessibility for their own patients.

Many of my CKD and ESRD patients are already aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers. Some of my patients have already experienced frustration with the current programs in the state of Maryland and the excessive wait times (> 5 years for these particular patients), and would appreciate the opportunity to be “double listed” in two different organ procurement areas. It would be my preference to refer my patients to the MGTI program for the reasons stated.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Yim MD
Mid-Atlantic Nephrology
This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community.

Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients are also aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers. It would be my preference to refer my patients to this program for the reasons stated.

Sincerely,

Akshay N. Amin

February 20, 2017
March 22, 2017

Kevin R. McDonald
Chief, Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As the President & CEO of Mid-Atlantic Nephrology Associates, P.A., a community-based nephrology practice of 34 nephrologists and 11 nurse practitioners who care for over 2,400 dialysis patients and 10,000 chronic kidney disease patients in the Greater Baltimore Area, I fully support the application by MedStar Health to expand kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am well aware of the comprehensive and high quality capabilities of the MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and feel the Greater Baltimore Community would greatly benefit from their presence and expertise.

One of the greatest advantages for our patients would be their ability to be “double listed” in two different organ procurement areas. Patients will have access to organs from Organ Procurement Organizations serving two distinct geographic areas (“Living Legacy Foundation” in Baltimore and “Washington Regional Transplant Community” in District of Columbia/Northern Virginia). Presently, due to a shortage of organs, the wait times are excessive for patients waiting for a kidney transplant and it is not uncommon for patients with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) on dialysis to die while waiting for a kidney transplant.

The presence of an additional transplant center in Baltimore will increase access to transplant care which is especially problematic for patients transplanted elsewhere who have now relocated to the Baltimore region. It is my experience that these patients have a difficult time obtaining appointments at the two existing Baltimore transplant programs.

I also believe that the presence of the Medstar Transplant Institute would lead to greater collaboration between the Transplant Institute and community nephrologists greatly enhancing the care of this vulnerable population. Patients
would also benefit from receiving comprehensive transplant services closer to their home in collaboration with their existing community providers.

I enthusiastically support the approval of a Certificate of Need for the opening of a Medstar Transplant Institute at Franklin Square Hospital.

Sincerely,

Paul Turer, MD
President & CEO
Mid-Atlantic Nephrology Associates, P.A.
March 23, 2017

Kevin R. McDonald  
Chief, Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As a former internal medicine resident and nephrology fellow of Georgetown University Hospital, I am well aware of the excellent care provided there, and would welcome that level of expertise in my community. I therefore support the application by MedStar Health to expand kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. The comprehensive and innovative capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute are impressive, and I feel confident in the commitment of their staff to bring the same level of safety and quality to the Baltimore area. I am also aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in our area.

One of the greatest advantages to my patients of the presence of an additional transplant center in our area is that it would allow them to be “double listed.” They would then have access to organs from two procurement organizations, “Living Legacy Foundation” in MD and “Washington Regional Transplant Community” in DC/northern VA. This would result in decreased wait times for kidney transplantation, which frequently can be many years.

I especially support giving my patients, who are covered under MedStar Health insurance plans, the ability to receive a full-range of transplant services closer to home and to the physicians and other providers from whom they receive their care. Maintaining continuity of care is essential in successfully managing these complex patients. This greater collaboration between the Transplant Institute and our community nephrologists would only enhance care. It is for these reasons that I am writing to support approval of a Certificate of Need for a kidney transplant program at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center.

Sincerely,

Ping-Hsin Chen, MD  
Mid-Atlantic Nephrology Associates, P.A.
Kevin R. McDonald

Chief, Certificate of Need

Maryland Health Care Commission

4160 Patterson Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center in Baltimore. As a practicing nephrologist in the community, I am well-acquainted with the expertise of the MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and its physicians, and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise into the Baltimore region.

I particularly look forward to the opportunity to avail my patients of an expansion of a transplant program that can offer them access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-saving liver transplant. Also, because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients also are aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in the state of Maryland, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers as well as the opportunity to have family resources at hand.

Sincerely,

Shahab A. Khan MD
February 27, 2017

Kevin R. McDonald
Chief, Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community.

Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients are also aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers. It would be my preference to refer my patients to this program for the reasons stated.

Sincerely,

Bashar Pharoan, MD
Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center (MFSMC). My practice and I are well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute. The local evaluation clinic, established recently, has been a great advantage to both patients and physicians. I am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to MFSMC.

As a practicing gastroenterologist, in practice in the Frederick area for many years, I look forward to the opportunity to avail my patients of a program that can offer them access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-saving liver transplant. Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients also are aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a second convenient location, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers as well as the opportunity to have family resources at hand.

Sincerely,

Gordon Liss, M.D.
Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center (MFSMC). My practice and I are well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute. The local evaluation clinic, established recently, has been a great advantage to both patients and physicians. I am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to MFSMC.

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Sincerely,

Carmen Hernandez, M.D.
Kevin R. McDonald  
Chief, Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

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Sincerely,

Ali Husain, M.D.
Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center (MFSMC). My practice and I are well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute. The local evaluation clinic, established recently, has been a great advantage to both patients and physicians. I am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to MFSMC.

As a practicing gastroenterologist, in practice in the Frederick area for many years, I look forward to the opportunity to avail my patients of a program that can offer them access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-saving liver transplant. Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

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Sincerely,

Sean Hunt, M.D.
Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center (MFSMC). My practice and I are well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute. The local evaluation clinic, established recently, has been a great advantage to both patients and physicians. I am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to MFSMC.

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Sincerely,

Dawei Yang, M.D.
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support approval of a Certificate of Need for liver and kidney transplant programs at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. Accessibility to a transplant center the caliber of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute is highly desirable for the community in general and my patients in particular.

I especially am supportive of offering patients covered under MedStar Health insurance plans the ability to receive a full-range of services closer to their homes and to the physicians and other providers with whom they receive their care. Maintaining continuity of care is absolutely essential in managing the health of our communities.

Sincerely,

Dawei Yang, M.D.
Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written to support the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am impressed by the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community.

As a practicing gastroenterologist in the Baltimore area since 1976, I look forward to the opportunity to offer my patients access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-saving liver transplant. Because kidney failure can be associated with compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients are aware of the excellent resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers as well as the opportunity to have family resources at hand. I would want to refer my patients to this program for the collective reasons stated above.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center in Baltimore. As a practicing gastroenterologist in the southern Maryland corridor for a number of years, I am well-acquainted with the expertise of the MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and its physicians, and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise into the Baltimore community.

I particularly look forward to the opportunity to avail my patients of an expansion of a transplant program that can offer them access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-saving liver transplant. Also, because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients also are aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in the state of Maryland, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers as well as the opportunity to have family resources at hand.

Sincerely,

Syed Owais Hasan, MD
Physician
Gastroenterology/Hepatology
Waldorf, MD
To: Kevin R. McDonald  
Chief, Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Paterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

From: Richard L. Gelfand, M.D.

Dear Mr. McDonald,

It has recently come to my attention that MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute has applied to expand services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. This would enable both liver and kidney transplants to be available at this center. I am writing in strong support of this application.

I have been a practicing gastroenterologist/hepatologist in the Maryland area for over 30 years. I have treated many patients from the Baltimore area and have direct first hand knowledge of the care provided by the Transplant team at Medstar Georgetown. I have found them to provide the highest level of care and to the great benefit of my patients. Having them available in the Baltimore area would be fulfilling an important need for many patients.

I would be glad to discuss further any additional information that you may require.

Sincerely,

Richard Gelfand, MD
Kevin R. McDonald  
Chief, Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  

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I particularly look forward to the opportunity to avail my patients of an expansion of a transplant program that can offer them access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-saving liver transplant. Also, because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients also are aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in the state of Maryland, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers as well as the opportunity to have family resources at hand.

Sincerely,

Syed Owais Hasan, MD  
Physician  
Gastroenterology/Hepatology  
Waldorf, MD
February 27, 2017

Kevin R. McDonald  
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Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community.

Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients are also aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers. It would be my preference to refer my patients to this program for the reasons stated.

Sincerely,

Bashar Pharoan, MD
February 27, 2017

Kevin R. McDonald
Chief, Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community.

Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients are also aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers. It would be my preference to refer my patients to this program for the reasons stated.

Sincerely,

Valaparambil K. Sivan, MD
Gastroenterologist
Kevin R. McDonald  
Chief, Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center in Baltimore. As a practicing nephrologist in the community, I would relish the opportunity to refer my patients to a transplant program that can provide access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time for a life-saving kidney transplant.

Also, because kidney failure can be a sequelae of compromised liver function, it is preferable that both liver and kidney transplant programs be approved concurrently.

Lastly, I would look forward to offering patients covered under MedStar Health insurance plans the ability to receive a full range of transplant services closer to their homes and within their network of other healthcare providers. Maintaining continuity of care is absolutely essential in managing the health of our communities.

Sincerely,

Eric M. Brown, M.D.
MedStar Health Towson
Gastroenterology

Kevin R. McDonald
Chief, Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing to support approval of a Certificate of Need for liver and kidney transplant programs at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. Accessibility to a transplant center the caliber of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute is highly desirable for the community in general and my patients in particular.

I especially am supportive of offering patients covered under MedStar Health insurance plans the ability to receive a full-range of services closer to their homes and to the physicians and other providers with whom they receive their care. Maintaining continuity of care is absolutely essential in managing the health of our communities.

Sincerely,

John Covington, MD

Knowledge and Compassion
Focused on You

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Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community.

Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients are also aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers. It would be my preference to refer my patients to this program for the reasons stated.

Sincerely,

Linda E. Rosenthal, MD, FACP
Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute (MGTI) and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community.

As a practicing gastroenterologist, in practice in the Southern Maryland area for many years, I look forward to the opportunity to avail my patients of a program that can offer them access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-saving liver transplant. Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients also are aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers as well as the opportunity to have family resources at hand.

It would be my preference to refer my patients to this program for the collective reasons stated.

Sincerely,

Nayan R Shah, MD, FACG
Medical Director Tri-Endoscopy Center-Hollywood
Gastroenterologist
Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. Having trained at Medstar Georgetown University Hospital in internal medicine and then completing my fellowship training in gastroenterology there as well, I am intimately aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute. In addition, I have seen the quality of care and remarkable continuity the Transplant Institute has provided my patients as a gastroenterologist in an underserved area in our state of Maryland. I am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community.

As a practicing gastroenterologist in a multi-specialty group, I look forward to the opportunity to avail my patients of a program that can offer them access to two organ procurement networks, possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-saving liver transplant and at the same time maintaining continuity of care with my nephrology partners. Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequela of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients are aware of the substantial resources available at MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute on a first hand basis and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home. I believe this will enable greater continuity of care and provide an avenue for more consistent follow up by their local providers and an opportunity to have family resources available more readily. I look forward to the opportunity to refer my patients to this program.

Sincerely,

Nimesh Khatri, MD
Director of Gastroenterology, Medstar Shah Medical Group - Waldorf
Medical Director, Medstar Shah Medical Group - Waldorf
Medical Director, Tri-County Endoscopy Center - Waldorf
Kevin R. McDonald  July 21, 2017  
Chief, Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community.

Having been practicing Nephrology in Baltimore city for 14 years, I fully understand that this patient population has low transplant rate and requires more education and pre and post transplant coordinated care. I see a need for another transplant center in Baltimore city.

Being a medical director for Davita Downtown dialysis unit, my center had tremendous difficulty getting the transplant educators from current two transplant centers in Baltimore to my dialysis unit for transplant education for the past several years. There is clearly a need to fill the gap.

My patients are also aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers. It would be my preference to refer my patients to this program for the reasons stated.

Sincerely,

Wei Lu, MD., PhD., FASN  
MetroRenal Associates  
821 N. Eutaw Street, Suite 407  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
Tel: 4104391332, Fax 4104391335
As chief of the Center for Digestive Disease at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center, I write this letter with highly enthusiastic support and great anticipation in consideration of the Certificate of need for expansion of liver and kidney transplant services to our institution. In the current environment where regulatory forces are encouraging the concept of accountable care organizations with a distributive network of care, this initiative is all the more important. Despite our enhanced digital communication environment, accurate reporting of patient healthcare information across systems is poorly performed and remains a perennial obstacle to safe care. This has ramification that also affect the cost of care. Too often, due to inadequate information, repetitive testing is performed, increasing risk and cost.

Therefore, it is vital in a large system such as ours, that the highest level of care can be afforded all the patients in our system in their local environment, obviating the need for patients to access more than one system.

I am well-aware of the full capabilities of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute and am confident in the capability of that staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community. Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

My patients are also aware of the substantial resources available at MGTI and would welcome the opportunity to have these services available in a location closer to home, enabling greater continuity of care and follow up by their local providers. It would be my preference to refer my patients to this program for the reasons stated.

Sincerely,

A. Steven Fleisher MD
Chief of Gastroenterology,
Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center.
Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is written in full support of the application by MedStar Health to expand liver and kidney transplantation services to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. I am confident in the capability of the MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute staff to bring the same level of quality and expertise to our Baltimore community that they currently provide in their area.

Because kidney failure can be unfortunate sequelae of compromised liver function, it is also preferable that both of these programs be approved concurrently.

Our Family Health Center is a busy primary care clinic across the street from MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center, with over 30,000 annual patient visits. Our patients with end stage liver and/or kidney disease would benefit greatly from these services. They would be able to receive the services without geographic barriers, and the transitions of care between the ambulatory and inpatient transplant services and our site for their ongoing primary care needs will be enhanced. It would be my preference to refer my patients to this program for all of the reasons stated. In addition, we are a family medicine residency training site and the availability of transplant specialists and services on our campus will further enhance the education of these residents, some of whom will stay in our area after their training and become additional physicians referring patients for these transplant services.

Sincerely,

Melly Goodell, MD
Chair, Department of Family Medicine
MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center
Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing to support approval of a Certificate of Need for liver and kidney transplant programs at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center. Accessibility to a transplant center the caliber of MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute is highly desirable for the community in general and my patients in particular.

I especially am supportive of offering patients covered under MedStar Health insurance plans the ability to receive a full-range of services closer to their homes and to the physicians and other providers with whom they receive their care. Maintaining continuity of care is absolutely essential in managing the health of our communities.

Sincerely,

Weimeng Yan, MD
Dear Mr. McDonald:

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Vice President-Medical Affairs

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Carlton Sexton, MD
Chairman-Radiology Department
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Sincerely,

Walid Chalhoub, MD
July 5, 2017

Kevin R. McDonald  
Chief, Certificate of Need  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

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On behalf of Maryland Kidney Group, PA and the providers listed above, I'm writing to support the approval of a Certificate of Need for liver and kidney transplant programs at Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center. Accessibility to a transplant program brings colossal benefits to our patients in the community by possibly shortening their waiting time to a life-saving transplant.

I feel very strongly that bringing a transplant program to the Franklin Square community will allow patients to receive a full-range of services closer to home and maintain the continuity of care in managing their health. We as a group wholeheartedly support the approval of a Certificate of Need and hope for a favorable outcome.

Sincerely,

Khalid Al-Talib, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.S.N.  
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Respectfully,

Joanna Ganson  
19 PICKENS CT  
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Thelma Uzzell

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