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Dear Ms. Miles,

I am writing to oppose the CON requested by Mission Hospital in Asheville regarding moving a GI Room. There is no need for this. There are already 3 other providers serving this area. GI work volumes are declining. This is an unnecessary duplication of services that will have a negative impact on competition and hurt the other 3 serving entities.

Sincerely,  
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RE: Project I.D. No. B-8638-11

Dear Ms. Miles:

We are writing in opposition to the Certificate of Need that Mission Hospital System has recently put before the North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation.

Our group practice is in the unique position of working with many physicians from both hospitals in Henderson County. We cannot recall a time recently when any of the surgeons or GI specialists who do endoscopies have said there is a need for more endoscopy suites.

The proposed project is to be built literally on the Buncombe/Henderson county line and only two miles from Park Ridge Health. It appears to us this is a purely predatory move.

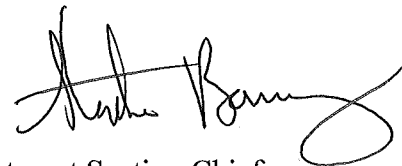
Practice demographics from our Anesthesiology Department show a decline in these types of procedures at this point in time. It is our understanding that there are declining volumes around the entire service area. Why approve another endoscopy suite? It would be a duplication of services.

So, in summary, there is plenty of existing capacity in the service area. Also, there are already three different entities providing these services. Finally, we see this as a predatory advance into Henderson County. In fact, a recent 2011 report by Dr. Gregory Vistnes, commissioned by the State, has raised concern about Mission Health System's antitrust issues surrounding its Certificate of Public Advantage (COPA).

Sincerely,



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President



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RE: Project ID# B-8638-11

Dear Ms. Miles,

I am a physician practicing in Henderson County, N.C. I am writing to express my concern about the recent Certificate of Need (CON) application by Mission Hospital to move a GI procedure room from the Mission main campus south to the Buncombe-Henderson County line.

With careful review of the data, one can see there is already plenty of capacity now in Henderson County. In fact, the existing procedure rooms at Pardee Hospital and Park Ridge Hospital are underutilized. Adding this GI suite will only serve to hurt the providers already in Henderson County. This is an unnecessary duplication of service since there are already three nearby providers of GI procedures: Pardee Hospital, Park Ridge Hospital and Carolina Mountain Gastroenterology. There is already plenty of capacity to meet the current and future demand.

I strongly oppose this CON and encourage you to carefully consider the potential negative impact of this proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



David T. Manly, M.D.

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Project ID No. B-8638-11

To Whom it may Concern:

I'd like to voice my strong opposition to the approval of a CON for a GI Room by Mission Health System on the Henderson & Buncombe county line. Following are some of the reasons this CON does not make any sense and should be denied:

- There are two other hospitals and one independent GI services provider all within a few minutes of each other and the proposed location for the new GI facility. There is capacity for additional volumes at all of these providers making another facility unnecessary and redundant.
- This unnecessary duplication of services drives up cost and makes it more difficult for the existing providers to maintain the volumes they have. This will clearly hurt the existing providers and thus negatively impact their ability to serve their community.
- This negative and completely unnecessary impact will simply hurt the healthcare consumers in western North Carolina.
- The application indicates a declining demand for GI services in the area. A CON by definition states it is for a "NEED". The facts clearly do not support a need and in fact will cause damage to the delivery of healthcare in this two county area to physicians, independent GI providers, and to both Pardee Hospital and Park Ridge Health.
- Knowing something about the COPA issue under review, as well as this CON, it appears that this is a predatory move by Mission Health System designed to create a monopoly in western North Carolina. This is absolutely not in the best interest of patients needing services since monopolies always end up driving up the costs of goods and services.

Sincerely,



Gary Carlson

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Re: Project I.D. No. B-8638-11

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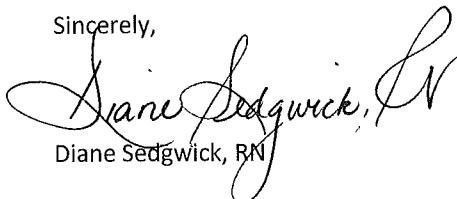
Dear Ms Miles,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Certificate of Need for which Mission Hospitals has applied, in order to move one of their GI rooms from their campus to a location on the Buncombe/Henderson county line.

- There is no identified need that has been shown to the public. There are already three providers in close proximity to the proposed center: Park Ridge Health, Pardee, and Carolina Mountain Gastroenterology.
- The application itself shows declining volumes for GI work.
- This would be an unnecessary duplication of services. There are plenty of alternatives for those of us seeking these services. This type of duplication drives up our cost of healthcare.
- It would have a negative impact on competition. It will hurt all three of the entities mentioned above.
- There is plenty of unused capacity in all three of the entities referenced above.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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To Whom it may Concern:

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I am writing in reference to Project  
I.D. No. B-8638-11.

I am totally against Mission Hospital  
being allowed to buy up and move in to destroy  
other health care facilities in WNC. As a  
Native of WNC I have watched Mission  
grow until it appears no one can say no  
to the giant!

They serve a wonderful purpose  
where they are and taking care of Buncombe  
County - Please let them leave a few  
jobs for the rest of the Health Care  
field.

Sincerely,

Deborah Denton  
John Denton

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REFERENCE: Project I.D. No. B-8638-11

Dear Gebrette,

I am writing as a concerned citizen and physician of Buncombe County. Mission Hospital System has applied for a Certificate of Need for relocation of one of their GI rooms to the area of the Buncombe County-Henderson County line. I do not believe that this is necessary. There are rooms available for this purpose at Pardee Hospital, Park Ridge Health and Carolina Mountain Gastroenterology.

Allowing Mission to relocate their GI Procedure Room to this area will just add to the monopoly of health care that Mission Hospital has in this region. This will have a negative effect on the other providers in the area with the decreasing volume of GI procedures needed at this time. By being larger, Mission could sustain financial losses which the other competitors cannot, and therefore forcing the smaller providers to close their doors. Thus, Mission's monopoly just continues to thrive at the other hospitals' expense.

Sincerely yours,



Ronald Neimkin, MD

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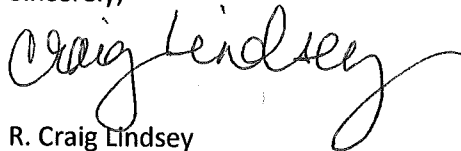
Dear Gebrette,

As a concerned citizen who works in the healthcare field, I am writing regarding Mission Hospital's application to the Certificate of Need Office for the relocation of one of their GI rooms to the area of the Buncombe - Henderson County line project which is being planned for 2013. I believe relocation of one of Mission's GI Procedure rooms is unnecessary, as the Henderson County market is currently well served by the three existing providers of endoscopy services - Pardee Hospital, Park Ridge Health and Carolina Mountain Gastroenterology.

Allowing Mission to relocate their GI Procedure Room to this area will decrease the volumes the current providers are handling and would create an unnecessary duplication of services which, in the end, drives up the cost of health care to the consumer. This will have a negative impact on those healthcare providers who have served in Henderson County through the years.

I urge you to vote against Mission Hospital's request to move one of their GI Procedure Rooms to the county line project.

Sincerely,



R. Craig Lindsey



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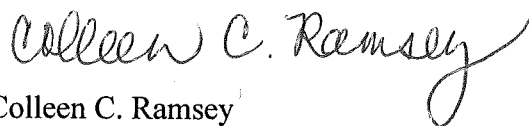
Dear Gebrette,

As a citizen who lives in Henderson County, North Carolina, and works in the healthcare field, I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding Mission Hospital's application to the Certificate of Need Office for the relocation of one of their GI rooms to the area of the Buncombe - Henderson County line project which is being planned for 2013. I believe relocation of one of Mission's GI Procedure rooms is unnecessary and their only reason for this request is to gain a stronghold in the Henderson County market, which is currently well served by the three existing providers of endoscopy services - Pardee Hospital, Park Ridge Health and Carolina Mountain Gastroenterology.

Allowing Mission to relocate their GI Procedure Room to this area will decrease the volumes the current providers are handling and would create an unnecessary duplication of services which, in the end, drives up the cost of health care to the consumer. I am all for competition - but not when it has a negative impact on those healthcare providers who have served in Henderson County through the years.

I urge you to vote against Mission Hospital's request to move one of their GI Procedure Rooms to the county line project.

Best regards,



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I am writing to express my concern over Project I.D. No. B-8538-11.

First, there is no need for a GI room in this location. There are three providers in close proximity to the proposed location- Pardee Hospital, Carolina Mountain Gastroenterology and Park Ridge Health.

Second, the application shows declining volumes for GI work.

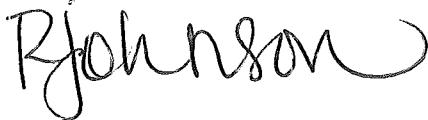
Third, as indicated in my first point, this is a duplication of services. There are three options for people seeking Gastroenterology services for this area. This type of unnecessary duplication of services drives up the cost of healthcare.

Fourth, a negative impact will be felt by the competition. All three of the above entities will be hurt in this maneuver.

Finally, there remains plenty of unused capacity in all three of the entities referenced above.

Thank you for your time in noting my concerns for this Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RJohnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Renae Johnson R.N.