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Dear Ms. Wilson:

In accordance with N.C.Gen.STAT.131-E-185 (a1) (1) Clayton Endoscopy Center submits the following comment related to an application to develop a "free-standing" GI Endoscopy Center in Johnston County.

Re: Johnston Health Endoscopy Services, LLC Project ID # J-01103315

In June of 2014 Johnson Health commented on the CON application for Clayton Endoscopy. They questioned the need for additional Endoscopy Rooms in Johnston County. Now, 11 months later, Johnston Health wants to relocate their existing Endoscopy Room and add an additional room. In June they stated "Since 2007, statewide GI Endoscopy volume has grown annually at no more than 6.2 percent and volume has stabilized in recent years."

Once Clayton Endoscopy is open, later this year, there should be adequate Endoscopy rooms to service Johnston County. The Physician Owners of Clayton Endoscopy have offered to allow the Physicians of Johnston County utilization of their, already approved, 2 room Endoscopy ASC.

As a result of their own comment in 2014, we request that the application should not be approved. You may contact me at cgroce@raleighmedicalgroup.com.

Sincerely,

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