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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to show support for an additional hospice inpatient bed in Cleveland County. The occupancy levels at both Wendover and Kings Mountain Hospice House have remained above 90% along with overwhelming waiting lists since their inception. We can significantly expand access to care by simply obtaining another hospice inpatient bed in Cleveland County. Please allow us to provide a place of peace for those in need of hospice and palliative care.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheri DeShazo, RN MBA MHA
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