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State Health Coordinating Council
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Dear Dr. Pulliam:

I am writing in regard to the 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan. Please accept this letter as my expression of support of Crystal Coast Hospice House's petition for hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County.

While we have excellent medical facilities and personnel in our county, we do not have access to a hospice inpatient facility. Our local residents must travel out of the area for such services. This is an incredible hardship on the patients, as well as the families of those in need of an inpatient facility. When families are enduring a crisis situation, their hands are quite full as they try to fulfill their home, work, and family obligations in addition to meeting the needs of the patient. Establishing a hospice inpatient facility in Carteret County would be a blessing to so many in their time of need.

I would appreciate your support of hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County, as would so many of our local residents.

Sincerely,

Carol S. Lohr
Executive Director