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Thomas J. Pulliam, MD
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Medical Facilities
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Dear Mr. Pulliam:

I am writing to support Crystal Coast Hospice House's effort to petition for hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County.

Our community is generously blessed with extensive and capable medical and related facilities and personnel. However, residents of our community do not have local access to a hospice inpatient facility, and often must travel great distances to receive such services. This is an immense burden for patients, families, and friends to endure during a time of crisis. Establishing a hospice inpatient facility in Carteret County will provide much needed local access to inpatient hospice services to residents of our county who must travel great distances to receive such services.

Please accept my support for approval of a need for hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County in the 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan.

Sincerely,

Representative Pat McElraft

