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Chair, Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee  
State Health Coordinating Council  
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Re: Petition for adjusted need determination for Hospice Inpatient Beds in Carteret County in the 2011 SMFP

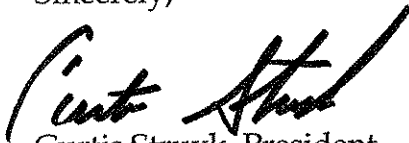
Dear Dr. Pulliam:

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. The nearest hospice inpatient beds are located in either Wilmington or Greenville, nearly 100 miles from Morehead City. 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 determination for hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County in the 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan.

Sincerely,



Curtis Struyk, President  
Carolina Ocean Lines