



August 12, 2010

The Hon. William L Wainwright  
Chairman State Health Coordinating Council

Mr. Gene DePorter  
Chief, Planning Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
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RE: Letter of Support for Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County Special Need Petition for Gordon Hospice House for Six Inpatient Hospice Beds

Dear Mr. DePorter:

My name is David Bradley, President of the Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce. I have served in this capacity since 2005. As a representative of our local business community, volunteer and someone who has personally experienced the care and services of Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, I want to express to you the importance of this unit and the great benefit it brings to our local community.

One of the main objectives of the Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce is to enlist and cultivate organizations that improve the quality of life for our citizens. Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County is just such an organization. Our community continues to grow and, with that growth, comes the responsibility for expansion to meet the growing need.

Over the past five years, the Gordon Hospice House has provided a great service to patients who have symptoms requiring acute care and services. I am proud to say that Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County continues to be proactive in finding ways to address the increasing demand for inpatient services. I urge you to include a need determination for the six additional general inpatient beds for the Gordon Hospice House. Our community needs these beds because everyone experiencing their final days deserves the same opportunity to access acute care.

Sincerely,

David Bradley, President  
Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce