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North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council and Acute Care Service Committee  
c/o Medical Facilities Planning Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
2714 Mail Service Center  
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**Re: Onslow Memorial Hospital Comments Regarding the Wilmington Health Petition for Two Additional Operating Rooms in Onslow County in the 2018 State Medical Facilities Plan**

Dear Dr. Ulrich and Ms. Greene:

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Adding operating rooms to Onslow County is clearly an unnecessary duplication of surgical facilities currently available in Onslow County and would pull patient volume from Onslow Memorial Hospital.

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This petition does not protect the interests of a sole community hospital in a rural county. It would come at long-term negative costs to hospital and a community.

It is my strong recommendation that the petition be denied.

Sincerely

(Signature)

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