

To Whom it May Concern,

I am an executive affiliated with a practice who provides professional services at Onslow Memorial Hospital. I have worked with both the medical staff and executive administration at Onslow and understand how critical this hospital is to the community it serves. I am writing to you to express my opposition of Wilmington Health PLLC to open and operate two ORs in Onslow County NC. The county is not in need of additional ORs seeking to provide ambulatory surgical services in Onslow County.

If these outpatient surgical centers are allowed to open, Wilmington Health PLLC will cherry pick the elective outpatient surgical procedures and jeopardize Onslow Memorial Hospital's ability to keep its doors open. Onslow Memorial depends on the outpatient surgery market to support the provision of critical emergency services to its community in addition to the comprehensive care that they provide in other specialties. If this facility closed people would need to travel an hour or more to get access to critical medical services. This would be a disservice to the people of Onslow County.

Please consider the facts and real impact to the community as discussions and decisions ensue.

Regards,

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