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July 16, 2019

North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2704

Re: Tyrrell County
2020 State Medical Facilities Plan
Proposed Need Determination Adult Care Home Beds

All:

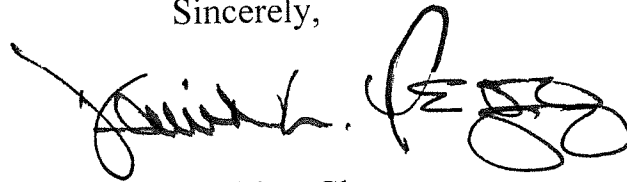
I write to support the allocation of 80 Adult Care beds to Tyrrell County under the proposed 2020 State Medical Facilities Plan. As you are aware, the need for these beds is critical in Tyrrell County due to the lack of affordable housing options for senior adults as well as the lack primary care providers and all other associated health services. The adult care regional population has a much higher than average percentage of Medicaid and special assistance recipients as well as racial minorities. Tyrrell County has the lowest tax base and median household income and the highest five year poverty rate in North Carolina. Additional home care beds are not a luxury for Tyrrell County and the area residents needing such placements; they are essential to health and a safe and secure quality of life.

Adult Care beds in Tyrrell County allow for the introduction and/or enhancement of currently unserved health service needs to come into the County. Adult Care beds also provide educational and employment opportunities within the County, provide a clinical setting for local early/community college students to pursue allied health care careers, and provide employment and service provision

opportunities for the full range of facility needs. The employment, quality of life and economic development aspects of this allocation loom large and are badly in need of attention. Families are hard pressed to physically and financially provide for senior care while engaged in the work prevalent in the Tyrrell County. Quality of life for seniors is many times tenuous in a depressed economy and the presence of the Adult Care facility in Tyrrell County is also a significant boost to the economy. The scale of the Tyrrell County economy results in a much higher per capita boost to the economy from such a facility increase determination. It is highly encouraging to recognize that specific Tyrrell County needs have been considered in this recommendation.

In sum, Tyrrell County wholeheartedly supports this proposed needs determination for the individual, community, economic development and governmental impact it will have in Tyrrell County and across Northeastern North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Clegg", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

David L. Clegg