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Amy Craddock, PhD, Assistant Chief
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation

2714 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2714

RE: Carteret Health Care Petition for One Additional Linear Accelerator at an Acute Care Hospital in Carteret County, North Carolina

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The performance record of Carteret Health Care with regard to superb quality is validated in its petition. The expanded program would be no exception.

We encourage you to endorse and approve the petition from Carteret Health Care. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

And in conclusion and ending this letter with a very big side note, Carteret Health Care was chosen by our board as the 2020 Business of the Year for their continued dedication to the community and their never ending service during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McHugh". The signature is stylized with large, flowing letters and a prominent flourish at the end.

Mike McHugh

Executive Director

Swansboro Area Chamber of Commerce



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President, Carteret County Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Dr. Ullrich and Dr. Craddock:

As the Chair of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners, I along with my colleagues, are excited to support the expansion of radiation oncology services in Carteret County. With our County's unique demographics and expected growth, we desperately need to increase our capacity to ensure we meet the needs of our community requiring radiation oncology services. We understand the hospital is seeking an adjustment to the 2022 State Medical Facilities Plan to add a second Linear Accelerator as the current linear accelerator approaches capacity and is already over the threshold established in the State plan.

As someone who is originally from Carteret County and familiar with its people, I can assure you this request is widely supported by our community and beneficial to those needing quality cancer services. With the mental and physical demands associated with cancer, the Commissioners strongly believe the ability to receive care close to home is the best thing for cancer patients of Carteret County.

In closing, thank you for your consideration of this special need. With Carteret Health Care's current linear accelerator at capacity and our County's expected growth rates and demographics as one of the older Counties in the State, we are convinced this is the right thing to do for the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,


Ed Wheatly, Chairman
Carteret County Board of Commissioners



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Dear Dr. Ullrich and Dr. Craddock,

On behalf of myself and the people I represent in the 13th District of North Carolina, I ask that DHSR Planning Staff recommend and that the full State Health Coordinating Council approve the request from Carteret Health Care for an adjusted need determination in the *2022 State Medical Facilities Plan* for one additional linear accelerator (LINAC) in Service Area 24, to be designated for a licensed acute care hospital in Carteret County.

The 13th District includes Carteret and Jones Counties, where many residents live in small and scattered communities. We invite you to visit the Crystal Coast in any season. We hope that you will come during the tourist peak so that you can appreciate the travel hurdles faced by our rural communities. Even the off-season has challenges associated with weather, waterways, and narrow roads. We know from our neighbors that cancer is an increasing occurrence. We have seen the numbers in the hospital's petition and believe that it is time now to permit the county to expand its cancer program. We know it would be done with careful thought and good planning.

The track record of Carteret Health Care with regard to quality is well documented. It is a county facility, accountable and responsive to the community. The expanded services would no doubt, sustain the same quality levels.

Please approve the petition from Carteret Health care to Include a special need for a linear accelerator in Carteret County. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat McElraft". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "M".

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