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Thomas J. Pulliam, M.D.  
Chair, Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee  
State Health Coordinating Council  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
2714 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2714



Dear Dr. Pulliam:

The Carteret County Chamber of Commerce represents approximately 850 businesses, organizations, professionals and individual members in Morehead City and surrounding communities.

I am writing in support of one of our members – Crystal Coast Hospice House – to endorse its petition for hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County.

With an aging population and the influx of seniors who come to the coast as a retirement destination, a comprehensive health care system is vitally important to the citizens of our communities. We are very proud of the high level of service that is now be provided by Carteret General Hospital and the medical and allied health professionals who practice within our market area.

However, we sense a growing need for local access to a hospice inpatient facility. As we understand it, the nearest hospice inpatient beds are in Greenville and Wilmington, a significant distance away. Patients and their family members would benefit greatly from the convenience of having hospice inpatient beds located within our area.

The Chamber's Board of Directors respectfully encourages your consideration of the merits of the petition submitted by Crystal Coast Hospice House.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. Wagoner".

Michael A. Wagoner  
President

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