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Mr. DePorter:

Crawley Memorial Hospital is a long term acute hospital in Cleveland County and part of the Cleveland County Healthcare System. Our hospital serves the needs of acute care patients as well as skilled nursing residents. Many of our patients continue to benefit from the excellent services offered by Hospice of Cleveland County as they have during the past five years of my association with the healthcare system.

Wendover Hospice House has been a very important part of the continuum of care in Cleveland County since 1996. Wendover's inpatient bed occupancy has exceeded 99% for the last five years. Last year an average of five people were on the inpatient waiting list on a typical day and 77 people on the list were never admitted. Kings Mountain Hospice House opened in May 2010 and the inpatient occupancy there has already exceeded 90%.

The Proposed 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan indicates a current need for one additional hospice inpatient bed in Cleveland County. The waiting list data and occupancy levels at both Wendover and Kings Mountain Hospice House substantiate this need. Adding one hospice inpatient bed would significantly expanding access to hospice care in Cleveland County.

I would like to express my support for Hospice Cleveland County's Special Need Petition. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rachel Wood RN, DCS
Signing for Leanne Fiorentino, Interim CEO