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The Honorable William L. Wainwright, Chairman  
North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Chief  
Medical Facilities Planning Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
2714 Mail Service Center  
701 Barbour Dr.  
Raleigh, NC 29699-2714

RE: Letter of Support for Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County Special Need Petition for  
Gordon Hospice House for Six Inpatient Hospice Beds

Dear Representative Wainwright and Mrs. Brown:

My name is Robbin Norris, RN and Branch Director for Gentiva Home Health. I have worked with Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, our local provider for end-of-life care, since 2004. I am writing to support the petition submitted by Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, to include the special adjusted need for hospice inpatient beds at the Gordon Hospice House.

Gentiva Home Health works collaboratively with the hospice team which provides hospice services to patients we serve. As a home health agency, we encounter some patients that experience decline and require end-of-life care in an acute care setting.

The Gordon Hospice House has provided a great service to our community for the past five years, and is available for our patients who have symptoms requiring acute care and services. The population of Iredell County is growing and so is the need for access to high quality care at end-of-life.

I urge you to include a need determination for the six additional general inpatient beds for the Gordon Hospice House.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robbin Norris".

Robbin Norris, RN and Branch Director  
Gentiva Home Health