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To Whom It May Concern:

CarolinaEast Health System is pleased to express our support of Carteret General Hospital's special needs petition to modify the proposed 2013 State Medical Facilities Plan to include a shared fixed cardiac catheterization laboratory to provide diagnostic catheterization services to Carteret County residents.

Included with our support is our intention to provide qualified, highly skilled cardiologists to perform the diagnostic catheterizations in the shared laboratory. We will share valuable guidance with Carteret when equipping the shared laboratory and our experienced staff will provide necessary training to ensure this new service is of the highest quality. CarolinaEast Heart Center cardiologists have been providing cardiology services in the Carteret County community for many years and enjoy a very positive reputation. This arrangement is a logical next step in the provision of enhanced cardiac services for residents of our eastern most service area.

CarolinaEast and Carteret General have a longstanding history of partnering to provide our region with progressive and quality care and to do so in the most efficient manner possible. CarolinaEast has and will continue to provide the interventional cardiology and cardiac surgery services that will be critical to back-up the diagnostic catheterizations performed at Carteret General's shared fixed laboratory.

As the at-risk population of Carteret County continues to grow so does the need for enhanced cardiac services including diagnostic catheterization. CarolinaEast enthusiastically supports Carteret General's petition and we look forward to expanding our collaborative efforts to provide our region with the health care needed and deserved by those we are privileged to serve.

Sincerely,

CarolinaEast Health System

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 President/CEO

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 Carteret General Hospital