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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter represents my support for the certificate of need application that is being submitted by the Hospice House Foundation of WNC, Inc., a nonprofit organization. As you are aware, this facility would serve Macon County, but also the surrounding counties for all hospice patients. This obviously includes Jackson, Graham, Swain, Clay, Cherokee, North Georgia, and the Cherokee Reservation. As I am sure you are also aware, there is a critical need for a hospice house, as there are none west of Asheville.

If I can provide you with any other support or details to show support, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely.

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