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Mr. Craig Smith NC Division of Health Service Regulation Certificate of Need Section 2704 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Mr. Smith:

This letter is in reference to the seven applications submitted for the development of a Medicare-certified home health agency in Brunswick County. Numerous agencies have approached and asked me to write or sign a letter of support to operate a home health agency in Brunswick County.

In my opinion there is no existing deficit or need for a new agency to serve home health patients. The economic downturns that have occurred in Brunswick County over the last five years, coupled with continued cuts in healthcare reimbursement, will serve to negate the need for additional agencies and increase the overall duplicative administrative costs of providing care.

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Sincerely,

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