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Dr. Thomas J. Pulliam, Chair  
Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee  
State Health Coordinating Council  
DFS Medical Facilities Planning Section  
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Dear Dr. Pulliam:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Hospice & Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell's special needs petition to make five additional hospice inpatient beds available in Alamance County.

The City of Burlington is proud to have had Hospice & Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell as part of our city for many years. As such, we are very familiar with the organization, the work they do in the community and their commitment to providing the highest quality hospice care possible for the patients and families they serve.

Hospice & Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell has demonstrated its mission to the community as well as its experience in providing high quality hospice care through its operation of the county's only freestanding hospice facility for 14 years. In 2007, the Hospice Home operated its inpatient beds at well over 90% percent occupancy. We are aware that patients have experienced significant waiting periods to be admitted. In addition, the growth in hospice care in Alamance County in just the last two years demonstrates the increased need for inpatient hospice beds in our community. I encourage you to make these additional beds available to our community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Ronnie Wall  
Mayor of Burlington