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Dear Ms. Potter:

Allow me to weigh in on the petition from Parkway Urology, P.A. doing business as Cary Urology, P.A. This letter is sent to oppose the petition for an adjusted need determination for a linear accelerator in service area 20. My comments are brief.

First of all, the population is not underserved. Secondly, multidisciplinary care already exists within the community. Most importantly, the motivation appears to be purely financial. In actual fact, in non-CON states there are companies with a similar model who are now advising much less surgery since it is not as profitable as IMRT for prostate cancer.

I find it hard to justify approval for another linear accelerator for service area 20.

Sincerely,

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