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To Whom It May Concern:

Current rates of hospice use alone show the obvious need for a hospice facility in Carteret County. However, the need for a hospice facility in Carteret County is magnified by the fact that we are a retirement community and many of our residents do not have extended family nearby. This lack of extended family falls especially hard on the elderly spouse who is physically unable to take care of their spouse. This situation is even worse if the hospice patient is the surviving spouse with no extended family in the area.

Because the nearest hospice facility is approximately 100 miles away it makes using them almost impossible for our residents. It is with this in mind that I ask for your approval of a need determination for hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County in the 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Holt Faircloth

Vice-Chairman Carteret County Board of Commissioners