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Elizabeth Brown, Section Chief
NC Division of Health Service Regulation
Medical Facilities Planning Section
2714 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2714

Dear Ms. Brown,

Maria Parham Medical Center supports the policy embodied by Policy AC-3 which allows academic medical center teaching hospitals to pursue their research and teaching missions. Our hospital routinely refers patients to academic medical center teaching hospitals to receive treatment that is only offered at these hospitals. We also employ the health care professionals trained by the state's academic medical centers and want to be sure that those centers can continue to educate the workforce we need.

Therefore, we support the Petition filed by Duke, UNC, Pitt and Baptist regarding Policy AC-3, and support the continued inclusion of Policy AC-3 in the Plan.

I will be happy to provide more information, if needed, showing how Maria Parham Medical Center and the patients it serves in Vance and Warren counties benefit from the above mentioned policy.

Sincerely,

Robert Singletary, President/CEO