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**RE: Comment and Support for Petition from J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital for
Special Need for 14 Nursing Home Beds**

Dear Chairman Wainwright and Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the City of Southport, I want to express my support for the petition from Doshier to add 14 nursing home beds to the 2012 State Medical Facilities Plan.

As you know, Doshier is a unique hospital. It is a government entity, supported by the tax base of citizens of Smithville Township. That is tangible evidence of how important it is as a health care resource for our community. We need a viable health care program and Doshier has done a good job keeping services the right size.

Good quality nursing home beds are in short supply here in Brunswick County today. Doshier is offering an excellent solution that will serve the Southport area very well. We respectfully request that you approve their petition.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Howard

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Our community is in need of the nursing center beds.

Regards



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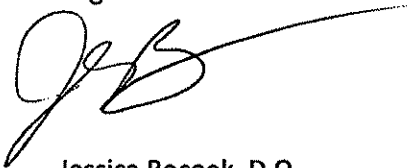
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Please approve the hospital's petition.

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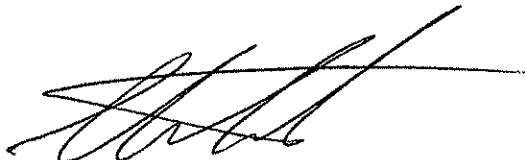
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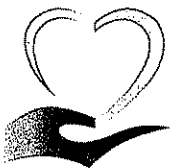
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September 2, 2011

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RE: Comment and Support for Petition from J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital for Special
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Dear Chairman Wainwright and Ms. Brown,

To help in your review of Doshier's petition to adjust the 2012 State Medical Facilities Plan to add 14 nursing home beds to Brunswick County, I want to give you a little more information about the hospital's swing beds.

As you know we are a critical access hospital, which means we have swing beds. You may ask why we could not use these to reduce the backlog of nursing home patients. First, let me note that we just received certification to use them on June 6, 2011. The swing beds will have minimal impact on the nursing home waiting list. With most of our acute care beds in semi-private rooms, Doshier has very limited physical capacity to absorb swing bed patients. At best, we can currently absorb about six of them and still meet our other requirements for peak load and observation needs of acute care patients. Thus, the swing beds will not make a significant dent in the nursing home backlog. The nursing home waiting list routinely stays above 40 patients.

Moreover, the swing beds in the acute care setting are most appropriate for short stay nursing home patients, those who need post-surgical rehabilitation before returning home. While we do have these patients discharging from Doshier, and will be transferring them to the swing beds, most of the people on the current nursing home waiting list need longer stay chronic care.

Thank you for your time and attention to this detail. We hope you will look favorably on our request to amend the Plan this year.

Regards,

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