



# capital oral & facial surgery

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Attn: Kelli Fisk

I am writing this letter to state my position against awarding the private investors of Solferino North a Certificate of Need (CON). This project is a for profit business venture set forth by an oral surgeon in the community with certain motives. Not only does this project not address the dental needs of children, it does nothing for the indigent care in our county or state.

I have worked tirelessly serving on the board and volunteering clinic days for Wake Smiles, a community dental health clinic that provides free dental services to those who cannot afford dental care but not eligible for government assistance like Medicaid. In fact, while the surgeon is pleading for the need for Dental Ambulatory Center via a public hearing, I am scheduled to volunteer for this free dental clinic. To date, I have not witnessed or been aware of this surgeon or any of his employees volunteering or donating to our counties free dental clinics. In my opinion, that would better service our need for access to dental care.

One of the owner's main tenants for helping access to care is that this for profit surgery center will address the dental needs of children in North Carolina. This cannot be any further from the truth. How could a ambulatory care center allow more procedures for children in North Carolina? The way to improve access to care for children in North Carolina is to provide free or discounted dental services, not provide anesthesia. I believe the motive here is to drive up health care and dental costs by rendering more procedures than medically necessary. The end result will be fewer patients served with higher state and county costs for health care.

Another item to consider is that there are no oral and maxillofacial surgeons in the community that support this project. If there is a need for a Dental Ambulatory Center in our state, why are there no others without financial interest in the project publically supporting this project?

Sincerely,

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