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North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council
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RE: Support Of Maria Parham Health Petition

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today in support of Maria Parham Health's petition opposing the state's identified bed need in the Vance/Warren service area. As the County Manager of Franklin County, I have had the opportunity to work directly with Maria Parham Health to return vital health services, including emergency and inpatient behavioral health, to our county and the region. As part of the Maria Parham Health system, the services delivered at the Franklin campus support Franklin, Vance and Warren County residents for emergent and outpatient needs. More broadly the site receives referrals from across the state for inpatient behavioral health services offered.

Given Maria Parham's longstanding commitment to our County and region, the recent pandemic, and widespread challenges, it would be counter-productive to the intent of such an action and compromise the existing health system in place. Furthermore, it may deter the potential reactivation of licensed acute beds currently residing in Franklin County which would serve the same region.

I appreciate your consideration of the petition presented and my support herein.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly B. Denton', written in a cursive style.

Kimberly B. Denton
County Manager