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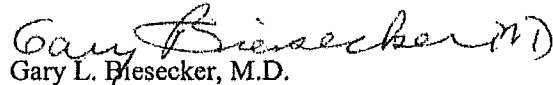
Dear Mr. Smith:

We are writing to express our opposition to the CON proposal by Moses Cone Health System and Triad Surgery, LLC to develop a freestanding ambulatory surgery center in High Point, NC. As practicing surgeons in this market, we strongly believe the development of this facility represents unnecessary duplication of existing services and drives up health care costs as a result of unnecessary and costly construction.

The website of the NC Division of Health Service Regulation states "The fundamental premise of the CON law is that increasing health care costs may be controlled by governmental restrictions on the unnecessary duplication of medical facilities." The development of this surgery center is nothing but an unnecessary duplication of medical facilities, given the existing OR capacity at existing facilities. The proposal to develop and construct a new ASC at a cost in excess of \$10,000,000 is ridiculous in this day and age of needed health care cost savings. This proposal unnecessarily duplicates ambulatory surgery services within High Point and Guilford County, and does so at an alarmingly high cost. As practicing surgeons in the proposed service area, we strongly encourage you to deny approval of this application.


Thank you the opportunity to express our opposition and for your attention to this matter. Please contact us if we may be of any assistance.

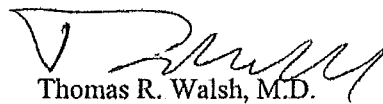
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