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To Whom It Will Concern,

I would like to express my opposition to the Petition submitted by LeadingAge NC proposing Policy Change for Home Health Agencies. I hope that DHSR will deny this petition. I oppose this petition because I disagree with the following:

1. **Creating an exception to the CON process for LeadingAge** – I do not agree with or understand why this company should receive an exception to the CON process that all other Home Health organizations have to go through. This doesn't seem fair. Why should they receive preferential treatment?
2. **Data Justification of Need**- LeadingAge has not provided data showing the need for this policy change. There are plenty of Home Health agencies today in NC to address the needs of these patients. The petition doesn't even quantify the number of patients they plan to serve.

I hope that DHSR and the State Health Coordinating Council will deny this petition.

Best regards,

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