

October 13, 2016

Nadine Pfeiffer Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Service Regulation 2701 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2701

Dear Ms. Pfeiffer,

I am sending this letter to express my personal opposition to the repeal of the administrative rules governing diagnostic centers and major medical equipment (10A NCAC 14C.1801, .1804, .3101, .3102, and .3104). I understand that these rules are proposed to be repealed by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation ("Department") and I object to their repeal. I believe that the repeal of these rules runs contrary to the legislature's stated purposes behind the certificate of need laws. While the rules may need to be amended to prevent applicants from being asked to provide information that is not publicly available, eliminating the rules is not appropriate.

Sincerely,

in Program for

Michael G. McLaughlin, MD