

Holly Springs

Department of Fire-Rescue

Cecil L. Parker, Jr.
Fire Chief



August 13, 2009

Ms. Victoria McClanahan
Division of Health Service Regulation
701 Barbour Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Ms. McClanahan,

I am the Town of Holly Spring Fire and EMS Chief and I am writing to you to express my enthusiastic support for the petition submitted by the Town of Holly Springs to amend the 2010 State Medical Facilities Plan to recognize a need for 42 new acute beds in Wake County.

As an EMS provider for the areas in and around Holly Springs I feel the need for a full service Hospital located in the Holly Springs community is vital. As a transport agency we are faced with extended transport times causing a delay in hospital treatment for our patients and causing our EMS unit to be out of service longer than necessary. In addition to the added time I feel that citizens who have a closer, full service health care facility would be more inclined to go to this facility without the need of an ambulance in non emergency situations. As it stands now we often transport individuals to the hospital who otherwise would drive themselves or have someone carry them. They feel the facilities are so crowded if we bring them in on a stretcher they will be seen faster. While we all know that simply isn't the case.

In closing I want to say that I fully support efforts to obtain approval for a 42 additional acute beds in Wake County and further support the efforts to bring those beds to the Holly Springs/Southern Wake County area.

We urge you to review the Holly Springs petition that proposes a realistic growth rate for this fast growing area. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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