



August 19, 2009

Dear Chairman York and members of the Board of Supervisors:

Today HCA is applying to the State Health Commissioner to request a Significant Change to relocate the Certificate of Public Need for Broadlands Regional Medical Center to our site on Rt. 50. We are also reinstating our application for a Special Exception to allow for the construction of StoneSpring Medical Center on that same property with Loudoun County.

This decision was an extremely difficult one for me to make, given all of the reasons I have detailed to you in the past regarding the challenges of this particular location. I continue to believe that Broadlands is the far superior location for Loudoun's next hospital based on the need today, but following your vote in February it seems apparent that a hospital on that site will not be advanced.

In the six months following your decision on BRMC, the health care landscape has continued to change drastically. Other regional hospitals have come under new ownership, creating new dynamics in this region. National health care reform is preparing to bring a total transformation of the health care delivery system. And, most importantly, not a week goes by that we don't receive calls, emails and letters from your constituents asking us to continue our efforts to offer choice and service in Loudoun. These facts forced me to appropriately examine all alternatives and challenge my previous positions.

Therefore, in order to meet the community need that everyone agrees exists, and that the Health Commissioner has reaffirmed over the past four years, we are beginning the process to move BRMC's approved hospital beds and services to Rt. 50, where the project will become StoneSpring Medical Center. This facility will fulfill our promise to the residents of Loudoun to bring enhanced accessibility, choice, and quality.

We make this major adjustment with the understanding that a majority of you support the location of a hospital in the Rt. 50 corridor and with the expectation that Inova Health System will fulfill their commitment to you and the Commonwealth not oppose or obstruct this move in any way.

I hope that you will view this step as we do, an opportunity to finally bring the state and local approvals together to deliver the next, much-needed hospital in Loudoun County. We are ready to begin to work with you again and to bring StoneSpring Medical Center to the residents of Loudoun County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret G. Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret G. Lewis, FACHE
President – HCA Capital Division