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Board of Commissioners Dade County, Georgia

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Farrell Hayes
Hutcheson Medical Center, CEO
100 Gross Crescent Circle
Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742

Re: Trenton Family Practice

Farrell,

For more than twenty-five years, the Trenton Family Practice has played an important part in providing necessary healthcare to the citizens of Dade County and surrounding area. This role played by Trenton Family Practice is just as important today as it has been throughout its history.

The news that the Hospital Authority of Walker, Dade and Catoosa Counties might sell or even close the facility has caused deep concern to our governing authority as well as our community. Upon hearing of this possible closing, the Dade County Commission immediately made arrangements with the IDA for the possible purchase of this facility and also made contact with a major hospital in Chattanooga to continue to provide medical services to our community. It is not known where many of our residents would receive their health care if Trenton Family Practice were not there. Even a temporary disruption in the medical services provided by this facility would pose a threat to the health and well-being of our citizens.

Not only would the closing of the facility have an enormous impact on our local healthcare system, but such a loss would also threaten our efforts to recruit and retain industry and commercial development in our county. Accordingly, we are fully supportive of the efforts of the Dade County Industrial Development Authority to purchase the facility and to keep it operating in our community. The Trenton Family Practice is viewed as critical to our local healthcare system and vital to our efforts to attract industrial and commercial expansion in our area. The Trenton Family Practice saw just fewer than 8,000 patients last year alone.

This letter is to confirm that the Dade County Industrial Development Authority remains committed to the purchase of the Trenton Family Practice property for \$350,000.00. It is hoped that the proceeds from this sale will benefit the Hospital Authority as it continues to work its way

through its economic problems, even as the purchase of the property will benefit Dade County by securing essential medical services for its citizens. Please know that we are ready to work with you to do all that we can to close on the purchase of the Trenton Family Practice as expeditiously as possible. Do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss the same. You may reach me on my cell [REDACTED] or my office (706) 657-4625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted M. Rumley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ted M. Rumley
County Executive/Chairperson
Dade County Commission