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Mr. James McLemore, OMC Manager
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Subject Marion County Hospice CON Request

Dear Mr. McLemore:

I am the Mayor of the beautiful City of Dunnellon, in Marion County, Florida, and speak on behalf of the City, the City Council and the residents of Dunnellon.

Our residents have very few options for hospice and palliative care services in our area, and am concerned that our needs are not being met.

Recently, I met a Hospice nurse who works for Vitas Healthcare. She educated me on their core services of hospice and explained that Vitas provides end of life education for communities like ours. Examples she gave on education were on dementia, cardiac disease, pulmonary disease and cancer.

I am now delighted to hear that Vitas is applying for providing hospice in Marion County. Community education in health matters including awareness on hospice services is extremely important to our community. We feel the more educated our Florida residents become, the more engaged they will become concerning their healthcare needs and what services they are entitled to.

I am excited about the possibilities of welcoming Vitas to our community, opening an office in Dunnellon and becoming an integral part of the fabric of our community in the very near future.

Thank you for your consideration,

William P. White, Mayor
City of Dunnellon