

New Castle Town Council
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June 25, 2018

M. Norman Oliver, M.D., M.A.
State Health Commissioner
Virginia Department of Health
169 Governor Street, 13th Floor
Richmond, Virginia, 23219

Re: COPN Request No. BA-8391

Dear Commissioner Oliver,

I am writing to you in hope that you will approve the LewisGale Medical Center's proposal to open a specialty-level NICU, and respectfully urge you to favorably consider this application. This project is in the best interest of the citizens of New Castle, the Roanoke Valley, and Southwest Virginia's families.

As a town council member for one of Virginia's most rural localities, I care deeply for Southwest Virginia and my constituents. This project will benefit our region, as specialty-level neonatal care services are essential to the healthcare of the people I have sworn to represent.

Babies born in Craig County, and further southwest, deserve to stay with their mothers during birth. With the approval of this project, we would give a meaningful choice to some of Virginia's most rural families, without the fear of being separated from their babies at LewisGale Regional Health System's regional center in Salem.

For these reasons, I strongly urge your approval of COPN Request No. VA-8391.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Jordan Labiosa".

C. Jordan Labiosa
New Castle Town Council