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Kevin McDonald, Chief
Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215-2999

SUBJECT: Letter of Support – Luminis Health Doctor's Community Medical Center's
Certificate of Need (CON) Application for Obstetrics

Dear Mr. McDonald:

On behalf of the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Board of Health, I appreciate the opportunity to offer our support for the Luminis Health Doctor's Community Medical Center's (LHDCMC) CON application to establish obstetrics services on its campus in Lanham as part of a comprehensive women's health program.

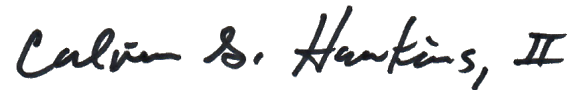
LHDCMC has a history of providing high-quality and compassionate care to meet the growing needs of area residents. We are excited to learn that LHDCMC has plans to offer increased women's health services and a campus improvement plan.

The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment stated that approximately 8 in 10 babies are delivered outside of Prince George's County. That continuing trend highlights the significant need for more obstetrics and related services in our area. The hospital's proposed women's health program will enable more women to deliver their babies closer to where they live and work. The new program will also enhance both prenatal and postnatal care, helping mothers and babies maintain and improve their overall health and well-being.

We understand and appreciate that the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) must approve hospitals' plans to develop obstetrics programs. We fully support this project and hope that the MHCC understands how much this initiative will contribute to the overall health of Prince George's County residents.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Luminis Health Doctor's Community Medical Center's CON application for Obstetrics Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Calvin S. Hawkins, II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" and "H".

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cc: Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center