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Mr. N. Earl Jones, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
Good Hope Hospital
410 Denim Drive
Erwin, NC 28339

Dear Mr. Jones:

It is my understanding that your hospital has chosen to partner with Triad Hospitals, Inc. to build a replacement hospital. I believe you have selected a solid and credible partner. Triad developed and opened Mountain View Regional Medical Center in our community about one year ago.

My experience with Triad Hospitals, Inc. as President of New Mexico State University, our community's largest employer, has been very positive. From the very beginning of their development process, they made a point to involve and support the local community. They responded to the community's demand for a choice in hospitals and have conducted their operations in a very professional and ethical manner.

From the University's perspective, Triad Hospitals pioneered scholarships for our nursing students; funded an instructor position, thereby increasing the number of students in the nursing program; and also constructed a nursing/allied health education center within their hospital. Mountain View has earned the trust and respect of New Mexico State University. I commend you on selecting Triad as your future partner.

Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Jay Gogue'.

G. Jay Gogue
President