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Senator Greg Steube
326 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
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RE: Elimination of the Certificate of Need Process

Dear Senator Steube:

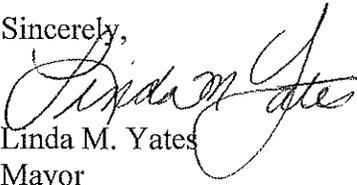
I am writing to you requesting your assistance for the City of North Port in getting legislation passed eliminating the Certificate of Need (CON) process. The CON process not only increases costs for health care by restricting competition in jurisdictions such as North Port, but it has effectively eliminated the ability for our citizens to have a hospital.

As a little background, North Port is the largest and fastest growing city in Sarasota County with a population of 64,472 based on the Florida Department of Economic & Demographic Research in 2016. That means that we have 64,472 residents that live in a city that does not have a hospital and because of the CON process will not have one in the near future.

The City believes that if the CON process were eliminated, the free market would allow our residents to finally have access to the quality inpatient healthcare that they deserve and need without having to travel to Venice, Sarasota, or Port Charlotte.

The City of North Port respectfully requests your assistance in eliminating the Certificate of Need process by ensuring that legislation is brought to the Senate for a vote which will result in the elimination of health care provider monopolies.

Sincerely,



Linda M. Yates
Mayor

CC: North Port City Commission
City of North Port Medical Hospital Task Force
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- Senator Kathleen Passidomo, Vice-Chair
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