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To: Victor Isler
Guilford County Manager
301 W. Market St. Greensboro, NC 27401

Dear Victor,

I am writing to express Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist High Point Medical Center's enthusiastic support for the collaborative opportunity presented through the Duke Endowment's *Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas* initiative. This funding represents a significant step forward in our shared mission to improve the health and well-being of Guilford County residents.

From the outset, this initiative has exemplified a strong spirit of collaboration. Community and county partners came together with a shared vision to plan and apply for this funding, demonstrating a unified commitment to advancing public health. The potential impact of this project is substantial, and we are confident it will bring meaningful improvements to the lives of our citizens.

To ensure the success and sustainability of this initiative, I would like to express my full support for hosting the Director of the Core Health Coalition solely within Guilford County. We believe this structure will better facilitate cooperation, offer greater flexibility, and allow for more agile and effective implementation of the initiative. Currently, with multiple entities involved—including the county, the state, and a large health system—progress is challenged by limited flexibility. A centralized leadership model within the county would help streamline operations and decision-making.

As the fiscal agent for the Duke Endowment grant, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist is deeply committed to the success of this initiative. We are eager to continue working closely with our partners to ensure that the goals of the *Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas* program are fully realized.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Warm regards,



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