***Tennessee Health Facilities Commission***

c/o Certificate of Need

502 Deaderick Street, Andrew Jackson Building, 9th Floor

Nashville, TN 37243

DATE, 2024

Dear Health Facilities Commission:

I am a resident of the Middle Tennessee community, and I am writing to express my concern about the HCA TriStar Spring Hill Hospital Certificate of Need application designed to replace the freestanding emergency department in the Spring Hill area of Tennessee.

There is no need for a hospital in Spring Hill. Currently, Spring Hill is well served by two not-for-profit health systems, both of which offer robust medical specialties and have ample capacity to admit and treat patients. The entire Spring Hill population is within 14-17 miles of these two high-quality, county-owned hospitals. Depending upon one’s location in Spring Hill, either Maury Regional Health or Williamson Health is about a 15-minute drive. Furthermore, if a Spring Hill resident has an emergency medical condition, TriStar already operates an emergency department in the community.

Our local hospitals have served my family and this community with quality care for many years.

If my family or I needed higher acuity care and visited the proposed HCA TriStar hospital, we likely would be transferred to one of their other for-profit, high-cost hospitals in Nashville – a facility we would not choose to visit.

In fact, the current TriStar freestanding emergency department has a record of transferring patients to Tri Star Centennial Hospital in Nashville. Due to the limited specialists at the proposed hospital, this practice will continue. Not only is this bad for the patient – it’s also unfair to family members, who will have to travel an hour away to see their loved ones.

HCA Tristar is by far the most expensive care provider in the region — far more expensive than Maury Regional Health for most services offered. Residents of Spring Hill would pay more for medical services at this proposed hospital than they would at either Maury Regional Health or Williamson Health.

Therefore, **I urge you to vote NO on the Certificate of Need Application** during the June 26, 2024, commission meeting.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

NAME