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The Honorable Terry Kilgore, Chairman  
Southwest Virginia Health Authority  
851 French Moore Jr. Boulevard, Suite 178  
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Dear Honorable Kilgore,

The Industrial Development Authority of Dickenson County would like to extend its support in the merger of Wellmont Health System and Mountain States Health Alliance to an integrated single system.

We feel due to the overall challenges facing healthcare, this merger would be the best solution for our region in overall healthcare. We hope to see positive results from this merger in an overall better quality of life for our citizens in healthcare and for an enhanced economic growth in our counties.

Both Wellmont Health System and Mountain States Health Alliance have great assets and strengths. The merger between Mountain States Health Alliance and Wellmont Health System is an opportunity to change the way our local health care providers work together to tackle the healthcare challenges affecting our citizens in the region, thus making us a stronger community.

We see a positive future for our region and feel this comprehensive Health Care System will be an asset to retain and recruit businesses.

We look forward to reaping the benefits this merger will bring to our region in the near future.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Sykes,  
Director