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The Honorable Terry Kilgore, Chairman
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Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in support of the proposed merger between Mountain States Health Alliance and Wellmont health systems.

As a retired educator, former school board member, and former board of supervisors member, I remain active in public service and actively serve on community boards and committees. One of my concerns continues to be focused on the provision of adequate health services to my community.

I have followed the proposed merger and believe it's completion is in the best interest of Southwest Virginia. The two systems working together can greatly increase access to needed services, save travel time, duplication of services, and give access to all health care professionals that now serve separate entities.

My greatest concern was that the merger would cause cost to rise due to the lack of competition. After studying the process, I believe the Commonwealth of Virginia will take an active roll in supervision in all aspects of the provision of health care in the region. I feel like the Southwest Virginia Health Authority will be very active in working with Tennessee to insure better provision of health care in both regions.

Thank You,

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