



LINCOLN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.

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Nida Allam, Chair
Board of Commissioners
200 E. Main Street
Durham, NC 27701

RE: Letter of Support for Section 330 Service Area Competition grant for Community Health Center and Healthcare for the Homeless funding needed by **November 8, 2024**.

Dear Ms. Allam:

Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC) a non-profit community health center, has been providing accessible, affordable, high quality, patient focused primary health care to residents of Durham County since 1971. According to our most current statistics, 97% of our patients (with known income) have incomes at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines (FPG). While 34.5% of all patients receive some coverage through Medicaid or Medicare, 51%, are uninsured. With federal grant support, LCHC is able to provide comprehensive health care services for uninsured, low-income residents on a sliding fee scale. This federal investment provides a tremendous benefit to all residents of our service area. By increasing access to comprehensive primary care and prevention in a family practice setting, our health center helps to ensure that the uninsured do not delay seeking care and face more serious, sometimes life-threatening, health consequences which require more costly medical interventions.

We appreciate the community organizations and individuals that have supported us over the years and joined us in our grant requests by providing letters of support. This year we face a competitive process to continue our annual federal Section 330 funding and we again ask for your support through a letter addressing the following points:

- the need for comprehensive primary care, including oral health services, behavioral health services, and pharmacy in the service area,
- the benefits our health center provides to the community,
- a description of your organization's collaborative relationships with us,
- and your overall support for federal funding for our organization's services.

We respectfully request a one-page signed, dated letter no later than **November 8, 2024**. The letter should be addressed to Ms. Claretta Foye, CEO, Lincoln Community Health Center, 1301 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC, 27707-2325. A sample letter is attached for your convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 956-4013 with questions concerning this project. Thank you for joining us in making a strong case for funding to support high quality and cost effective health services for the low income and uninsured in our community.

Sincerely,

Claretta Foye
Chief Executive Officer