

Mr. Jon Opelt, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Opelt

My name is Linda L. Hall. I am a resident of Clovis, N.M. and retired as Curry County Treasurer in 2004.

In order for the people of New Mexico to receive quality health care we must go to Texas which is the nearest available .

My rheumatologist, Dr. Naga Bushan, is in Lubbock and has treated me for over 23 years

My gastroenterologist, Dr. Elias Ghandour, is in Lubbock and has treated me for 3 years.

My orthopedic surgeon's are, Dr. Kenneth Stephenson, and has treated me for 11 years, Dr. Patrick Molligan has treated me for 3 years, and Dr. Jeff Headrick has treated me for 1 year. All of these doctors are in Lubbock.

My optometrist, Dr. Nolan Riley, is in Lubbock and has treated me for 7 years.

My dentist, Dr. Chris Gerwig, is in Lubbock and has treated me for 7 years.

I have seen these doctors for many years and I am very pleased with them. At 72 years of age it would be a huge inconvenience for me to find new doctors with the shortage of specialists in New Mexico and I would not have the quality of care or confidence that I have in my present doctors.

There are very few quality specialists in this area and we **must** go out of state for treatment.

Many patients are transported to Lubbock or Amarillo by helicopter or ambulance daily for emergency care. These patients will require follow-up treatment by Texas specialists after release.

Without proper follow-up treatment these patients will have no chance of quality of life or survivability. Many will not have proper pain management and suffer needlessly.

We **must** have access to Texas specialists as many New Mexico residents will die or wish they were dead because of lack of treatment that they needed and did not get.

New Mexico residents deserve the best quality of medical treatment that is available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda L. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "L" and "H".

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