

September 10, 2015

Jon Opelt, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Opelt,

My wife and I have been traveling to Texas for medical care for over twenty years. We are unable to get the level of treatment necessary for our needs in Hobbs, NM.

My wife now suffers from Alzheimer's and needs specialized care. Texas Tech Health Science Center provided the resources needed for her diagnosis and treatment plan. With this disease and other medical needs, she is treated by multiple specialists in Lubbock.

Until recently, I have always received my basic medical care in NM. My needs also now require multiple specialty care and we have found that in Lubbock .

To receive the medical care in NM that my wife and I need, we would have to travel to Albuquerque, which is a 5 to 6 hour drive. The 1 1/2 hour drive to Lubbock allows not only convenience, but also the assistance needed from our daughter who lives in Lubbock and is essential in our medical care.

We will always be grateful for the care we are able to receive in West Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Burton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "B".

Ralph Burton
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