



Statement from the Randolph County Board of Commissioners Regarding Randolph Hospital's Chapter 11 Protection Filing

As County Commissioners, we recognize the important role Randolph Hospital plays in Randolph County and the rural surrounding area in providing access to quality health care.

Given the importance of health care in our community, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners is engaged with the Randolph Hospital Board of Directors in its ongoing work to strategically plan for the future of health care in our county. Randolph Hospital's filing of a petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code is an important and necessary step in the planned process to maintain local health care access. This step, which has been expected, supports the ongoing work to protect local health care access and meet the unique health needs of this community.

It's important to note that Chapter 11 does not mean close of business, and nothing changes today. The focus of these efforts is to ensure the residents of our community have access to local, affordable, high-quality health care for years to come. The challenges of today's health care industry across the country and here in North Carolina led Randolph Hospital to begin a journey almost three years ago to explore various options to protect local health care.

We continue to work hard with the administration and Board of Directors to secure a path forward for Randolph Hospital. These efforts include the filing of an application for a potential \$20 million loan through the Rural Health Care Stabilization Program and the securing of a successor hospital in Randolph County. As we go through this process, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners is focused solely on the health needs and emergency care of the citizens of Randolph County and how best to provide for those needs. In keeping with this commitment we will provide public updates as we move through this process together with Randolph Hospital.

Improving the health of our population and the quality of life for residents of Randolph County continues to require the collaboration of various organizations. Together, Randolph Hospital and the County have a shared responsibility in ensuring our residents have access to the health care future they deserve.

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Darrell Frye, Chairman, Board of Commissioners