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**Statement from Mike McNair, Franklin Regional Medical Center,
and David Strong, Rex Healthcare regarding
Certificate of Need decision**

Below is a statement from Mike McNair, CEO of Franklin Regional Medical Center (FRMC), and David Strong, President of Rex Healthcare:

"We are disappointed the state has decided against allowing the expansion of quality health care throughout Franklin County. Ultimately, this decision hurts the residents of the county.

"Our proposal would have included several new facilities throughout the county, including a new, state-of-the-art hospital in Youngsville, a new urgent care facility in Louisburg, and a new physician clinic in eastern Franklin County.

"This plan would have allowed residents to choose which location and level of care best suited their medical needs. It also would have given us access to improved medical technology and the ability to attract more physicians and health care professionals to the county.

"More than ever, we believe this would have been a great partnership for the residents of Franklin County, with FRMC's recent procedure and policy improvements and with Rex's reputation for high-quality health care.

"We will continue to look for opportunities to work together to serve the health care needs of Franklin County."

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