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**Virginia Department of Health**  
Division of Certificate of Public Need  
9960 Mayland Drive – Suite 401  
Henrico, Virginia 23233

**Cc: Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia**  
Attn: Mr. Dean Montgomery

**Subject: Letter of Intent for Certificate of Public Need Application**

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to formally express my intent to establish a new **diagnostic radiology clinic, ELA Radiology Centers, in Arlington, Virginia**. As a **board-certified radiologist** with extensive experience in diagnostic imaging, I am committed to providing **high-quality, accessible, and affordable imaging services** to the community while adhering to all regulatory requirements set forth by the **Virginia Department of Health (VDH)**.

This **Letter of Intent** serves to notify the VDH of my intention to apply for a **Certificate of Public Need (COPN) under Batch Group "D"** for the establishment of a **diagnostic radiology center in Northern Virginia**. The proposed facility will be **strategically positioned to serve the growing population of Arlington and surrounding areas**, expanding access to outpatient diagnostic imaging services, reducing patient wait times, and offering a **cost-effective alternative to hospital-based imaging**. The facility will also serve as a **key referral center for primary care physicians, specialists, and urgent care centers** that require timely and accurate radiology services for patient diagnosis and treatment.

### **Project Details**

- **Owner:** Mehdi Taghipour, MD
- **Facility Name:** ELA Radiology Centers
- **Type of Project:** Establishment of a medical care facility for **diagnostic imaging services (MRI and CT scanners)**
- **Proposed Location:** Arlington, VA (**Final Address Will Be Provided in Application**)
- **Scope of Project:** **Approximately 3,500 – 4,500 sq. ft. leased space**, featuring **state-of-the-art imaging equipment** and serving patients from **Arlington and surrounding areas**

## Services to Be Offered

The facility will provide a **comprehensive range of radiological services**, including:

- ✓ X-ray
- ✓ MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)
- ✓ CT (Computed Tomography) Scans
- ✓ Ultrasound
- ✓ Bone Density (DEXA) Scans

## Regulatory Compliance & Staffing

In alignment with **12VAC5-220-180 of the Virginia Administrative Code**, ELA Radiology Centers will ensure **full compliance with facility standards, equipment safety regulations, and staff qualification requirements**. The center will be **staffed by a highly qualified team**, including:

- ✓ Myself as a board-certified radiologist interpreting imaging studies
- ✓ Licensed radiologic technologists for MRI, CT, X-ray, and ultrasound
- ✓ Medical assistants and administrative personnel to ensure efficient patient care

## Community Collaboration & Outreach

We recognize the importance of **collaborating with local healthcare providers** to establish a **strong referral network** and ensure **seamless continuity of care**. Additionally, we plan to implement **community outreach programs** to educate patients about **the role of diagnostic imaging in preventive healthcare and early disease detection**.

## Next Steps & Guidance Request

I appreciate any guidance you can provide regarding the **COPN application process**, including **specific requirements needed to obtain approval for this project**. We are eager to **contribute positively to the healthcare landscape in Arlington** and look forward to working with the **Virginia Department of Health and the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia** throughout this process.

Please confirm receipt of this **Letter of Intent** and advise on any additional steps necessary to ensure compliance with the application process.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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