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Re: Covenant Health Diagnostic Blount County
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Please feel free to contact me at 865-588-5121 or jsgilbert@gihealthcare.com if you require any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

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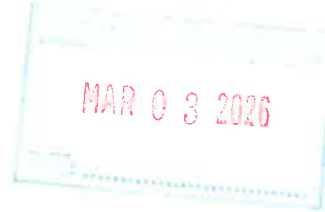


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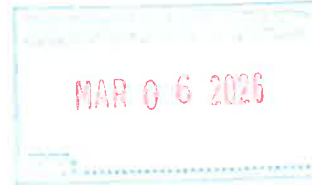
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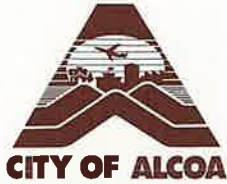
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Dear Mr. Grant:

I am writing to express support for continued investment in healthcare infrastructure in Blount County, including the proposed development by Covenant Health of a new outpatient imaging center as part of the Covenant Health Springbrook medical complex.

My role as Mayor of the City of Alcoa involves representing the interests of our residents and maintaining a commitment to fostering access to high-quality healthcare services while supporting a strong and diverse healthcare ecosystem that serves our community's needs.

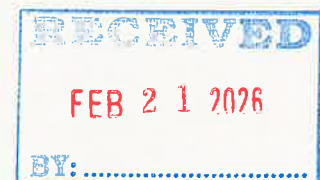
Blount County continues to experience growth and evolving healthcare demands. Additional outpatient service capacity, when appropriately developed, can enhance patient convenience, expand options for care delivery, and contribute to timely access to diagnostic services. Projects such as the proposed imaging center help ensure that residents have access to a broad range of services close to home.

The City of Alcoa values all healthcare providers serving our region and appreciates efforts that contribute to the overall strength, accessibility, and resilience of healthcare services available to our residents.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at 865-380-4795 or mayor@cityofalcoa-tn.gov, should additional information be required.

Respectfully,

Tanya Martin
Mayor, City of Alcoa





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As a practicing physician with 29 years of experience in Family Medicine, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges patients face due to the current lack of accessible outpatient imaging services in our area. This new facility represents a critical advancement in healthcare delivery that will yield substantial clinical benefits for our residents.

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Please feel free to contact me at 865-271-6670 or bbishop@covhlt.com if you require any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

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Britton Bishop, MD

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Sincerely,

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Lauren Cline, MD

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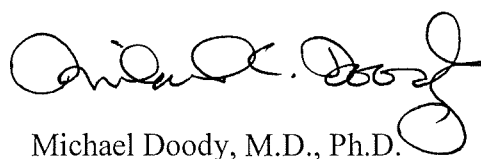
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Sincerely,

 MD/PHD/REI
Michael Doody, M.D., Ph.D.

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Sincerely,

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Jeff Flickinger, MD

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James Milhollin, MD

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Barrington Nash, MD

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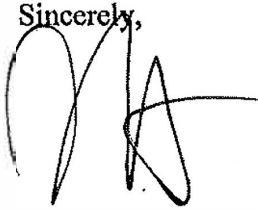
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John Paul Newport, MD

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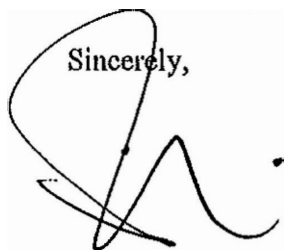
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Renee B. Quillin, MD

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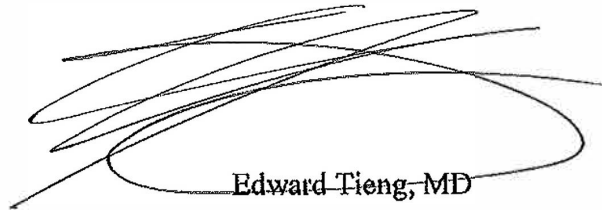
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Edward Tieng, MD

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Andrew Jackson Building, 9th Floor
502 Deaderick St.
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Covenant Health Diagnostic Blount County ODC Certificate of Need

Dear Mr. Grant:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the proposed development by Covenant Health of a new outpatient imaging center as part of the Covenant Health Springbrook medical complex in Blount County.

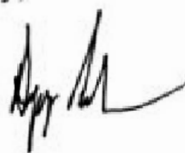
As a practicing physician with 13 years of experience and Board Certified in Interventional Cardiology, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges patients face due to the current lack of accessible outpatient imaging services in our area. This new facility represents a critical advancement in healthcare delivery that will yield substantial clinical benefits for our residents.

Currently, our community has no dedicated outpatient imaging options, forcing patients to travel into Knoxville or rely on overburdened hospital-based services. This gap in care can result in delayed diagnoses, patient inconvenience and potentially suboptimal treatment outcomes. The integration of an outpatient imaging center within the new Covenant Health Springbrook medical complex will address these issues by providing convenient, high-quality diagnostic services in a setting designed for efficiency and patient comfort. Clinically, this will facilitate faster turnaround times for results. Moreover, the outpatient model promotes cost-effectiveness by avoiding the higher expenses associated with inpatient hospital imaging, thereby reducing the overall burden on our healthcare system.

In summary, the establishment of this outpatient imaging center will be a game-changer for clinical outcomes in our community. I urge the Commission to approve this project for the residents of Blount County.

Please feel free to contact me at 865-373-7100 or arahman@covhlt.com if you require any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ayaz Rahman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ayaz Rahman, MD



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February 2, 2026

Mr. Logan Grant
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Re: Covenant Health Diagnostic Blount County ODC Certificate of Need

Dear Mr. Grant:

I am writing to express support for continued investment in healthcare infrastructure in Blount County, including the proposed development by Covenant Health of a new outpatient imaging center as part of the Covenant Health Springbrook medical complex.

My role as Mayor of the City of Alcoa involves representing the interests of our residents and maintaining a commitment to fostering access to high-quality healthcare services while supporting a strong and diverse healthcare ecosystem that serves our community's needs.

Blount County continues to experience growth and evolving healthcare demands. Additional outpatient service capacity, when appropriately developed, can enhance patient convenience, expand options for care delivery, and contribute to timely access to diagnostic services. Projects such as the proposed imaging center help ensure that residents have access to a broad range of services close to home.

The City of Alcoa values all healthcare providers serving our region and appreciates efforts that contribute to the overall strength, accessibility, and resilience of healthcare services available to our residents.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at 865-380-4795 or mayor@cityofalcoa-tn.gov, should additional information be required.

Respectfully,

Tanya Martin
Mayor, City of Alcoa

February 4, 2026

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I am writing this letter in strong support of the proposed development by Covenant Health of a new outpatient imaging center as part of the Covenant Health Springbrook medical complex in Blount County.

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Bond Almand, MD

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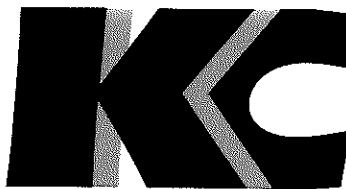
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Dear Mr. Grant:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the proposed development by Covenant Health of a new outpatient imaging center as part of the Covenant Health Springbrook medical complex in Blount County.

As a practicing physician with 24 years of experience in Nephrology, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges patients face due to the current lack of accessible outpatient imaging services in our area. This new facility represents a critical advancement in healthcare delivery that will yield substantial clinical benefits for our residents.

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In summary, the establishment of this outpatient imaging center will be a game-changer for clinical outcomes in our community. I urge the Commission to approve this project for the residents of Blount County.

Please feel free to contact me at 865-692-3462 or kendra_hendon@hotmail.com if you require any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kendra S. Hendon, MD".

Kendra S. Hendon, MD

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