

Add a hospital or an ER

As a wife and mother, I am all for an emergency clinic or hospital being built in Queen Anne's County, between Annapolis and Easton.

During the summer of 2005, my husband and son both had motorcycle accidents within two weeks of each other and both accidents occurred on summer weekends. In my husband's case, he had no choice but to go to Easton — due to traffic. My son, on the other hand, had to go to Memorial due to location, where emergency surgery was done. Both had life-threatening issues and were treated at Memorial Hospital with wonderful care and by great people.

Our dilemma comes in emergencies, when, because of traffic, we can not always get to the Annapolis or Easton hospital where our doctors work. And it is difficult, due to insurance, to get doctors to take over a case.

If the Town of Easton wants to keep Memorial Hospital, I suggest you allow Memorial Hospital to have the ability to grow and expand to meet the needs of Easton and the surrounding communities.

We are not asking you to move your hospital; we are asking for emergency care here, where we live, due to the amount of traffic that passes through our area.

The Shore is a wonderful place to live and it is larger than just Easton. Please help us to meet our medical needs as well as yours.

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Be honest on hospital needs

Over the weekend, David Geffen famously observed: "Everybody in politics lies, but [some] do it with such ease, it's troubling."

Some of our local legislators must think we're "potted plants" or just off the "turnip truck" when they introduce legislation which essentially eviscerates the certificate of need law in effect in Maryland and then shout their support for keeping Memorial Hospital in Easton.

If the counties east of the bridge need additional medical facilities, let them or their protagonists make that case in a full certificate of need setting instead of back door legislation which can only result in escalating medical expenses for everyone.

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