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QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

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People in the country are often quite vulnerable. Many are elderly. I would think it appropriate that communities be assessed for their particular health needs. For example, the Manning Great Lakes area has a serious need for cardiac resources and geriatricians. And it is obvious palliative care is an after thought when local charities are having to raise funds for basic equipment. And Mr Di Rienzo's evidence to the committee on this specific subject was very disappointing.

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The committee has heard ad nauseum the need for health resources of the basic kind in so many rural communities. Hospitals, clinics ...bricks and mortar representing a health resource often don't have enough staff; rely on nurses because there are no doctors; and often operate only with locums. The millions of dollars spent on locum and FIFO health workers surely would/could/should be better spent creating a decent business model to lure professionals to make a permanent move to the country.