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Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am the CEO of The Corvallis Clinic which employs over 100 providers and over 600 staff in the greater Corvallis and Albany communities. We plan to expand by approximately 10% this coming year and add new locations to better serve our communities' medical needs.

LBCC and its graduates are invaluable to TCC and its patients. We have hired numerous LBCC graduates with much success. Their education programs are excellent and are vital to ensuring we have medical staff that are highly trained and offer top quality medical care to thousands of patients annually.

The Corvallis Clinic needs medical professionals with training and skills well beyond high school. Without LBCC we would have a very difficult time in sourcing and hiring medical staff with the skill level required in our medical settings.

If we truly want to continue our state's economic growth, and provide all Oregonians and Oregon businesses a pathway to success, we must fully fund our community colleges and stop placing an ever-growing share of the financial burden onto students.

I urge you make funding Oregon's community colleges and the people they serve, a top priority, and support the Higher Education Coordinating Commission recommendation of a \$647M base budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Kelly'.

Edward Kelly, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer