

May 2, 2023

Dear Ways and Means Committee

I am writing to voice my support for La Clinica's Acute Care Clinic project, which will expand urgent care services in Jackson County. There is a desperate need for more access to health care services in our region – and this project will help address that need. It will provide access to same-day and walk-in healthcare services for the most vulnerable community members of Jackson County – including people who have low incomes, who are uninsured, who are unhoused, and those who need mental health services.

La Clinica has a lot of experience with providing health care in Jackson County– and has the capacity and staffing to make this project a success. La Clinica is a leader in our community when it comes to providing services not only to the Spanish-speaking community, but to all marginalized populations. By providing services through an Acute Care Clinic, individuals who do not have a regular medical provider will have the chance to become patients of La Clinica – and will gain a medical home. This will allow for regular, preventive health care, which is important for optimal health, and also much less expensive than waiting until health conditions progress and need more intensive services.

I strongly urge you to provide financial support for this project. This investment will not only increase access to essential health care services, it is also a wise investment of public dollars that will result in cost savings over the long run.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maggie Sullivan
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