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3232 Little Applegate Rd.
Jacksonville, OR 97530**

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Joint Ways and Means Committee
Capital Construction Sub-Committee
Oregon State Legislature, via electronic submission

Re: LaClinica's Acute Care Clinic

Dear Senators and Representatives,

As you know, Southern Oregon attracts an large number of agricultural workers, clerks, restaurant and "fast food" personnel, small business owners, laborers, gas station attendants and many others who come here or stay here for jobs, but are mostly reliant on low-cost health care. It's this population that LaClinica strives to serve.

Many of these people will put off seeking health care, even though they know they are sick or pregnant or want help with addictions, because the cost of going to a doctor is too high for them. Unfortunately, many end up a hospital's emergency room, which is probably the most expensive option.

LaClinica seeks to help this population by adding an ACUTE CARE CENTER to its remarkable suite of affordable medical options throughout the Rogue Valley.

I am personally passionate about this addition having had to deal with a major medical issue this last year and not being able to find an urgent care facility that could see me with any "urgency." LaClinica's Acute Care Center will go a long way in filling this gap!

I see LaClinica's Acute Care Center becoming a major 'Healthcare Hub,' a place for those in need to receive routine examinations as well as everything from dental care to mental health services. Long an advocate for the importance of the earliest childhood years, I'm also thrilled that pre-natal and pediatric services will be available as well as referrals to other organizations in town that serve to build healthy families.

Thank you for allocating what you can to this important project.

Very respectfully,

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