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Co-chairs and members of the committee, my name is Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz and I'm the Chief Strategy Officer at Mosaic Community Health. I'm testifying in support of our Capital Funding Request for the Mosaic Connors Campus in Bend. Mosaic is a nonprofit community health center, also known as a FQHC, serving 32,000 patients across Central Oregon. We are the largest primary care provider for the low-income, OHP, under-insured and uninsured population in our region.

Currently in Bend, Mosaic's safety-net healthcare services are scattered among multiple sites and are not meeting the demand that we see today in Bend nor the rapidly expanding population of our region.

The new Mosaic Connors campus on Bend's eastside will deliver health services directly to over 20,000 patients from both Bend and surrounding regional communities. The new campus will be co-located with affordable housing for individuals and families, which is being developed by HousingWorks, the regional housing authority. It will centralize services, removes logistical challenges for patients and providers and provides more capacity for low-income patients across Central Oregon. The new 42,000 square foot building will house clinical space for pediatric, family practice, behavioral health including SUD treatment, pharmacy and dental services- OHP dental access demand alone in our region is now up to six months or even longer.

The new building will be built adjacent to the existing Mosaic Connors Health Center which is co-located with a Housing Works senior affordable housing building. Additionally, Mosaic's Street Medicine Team will have a base to operate from as they organize and prepare to make their rounds to the multiple homeless encampments and shelters throughout Central Oregon.

The total cost of the new building is \$47 million. We are requesting \$4 million from state bonds. We have 68% of the remaining funding already secured and have plans in the works for the rest. We have strong support from healthcare and social service partners and local government leaders who understand the need for expanded Mosaic capacity in the region.

The Mosaic Community Health completed Connors Campus will offer a full array of integrated health services supporting the community needs of today and the growing low-income communities of Central Oregon.

I urge you to consider our request and I thank you for your time.