



Crook County

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RE: Mosaic Community Health - Conners Campus State Bond Request

Dear Senator Lieber and Representative Sanchez,

For over half a century, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) have played a pivotal role in delivering affordable primary and preventive care, alongside dental, behavioral health, pharmacy services, and other vital health provisions to our nation's most vulnerable populations and medically underserved areas. In our region of Central Oregon, Mosaic Community Health (Mosaic) stands out as the largest community health center, catering to the needs of over 32,000 patients.

Originating from Prineville 22 years ago, Mosaic now operates 16 health centers across Bend, Madras, Prineville, and Redmond, which include three pharmacies, seven School-Based Health Centers, and a Mobile Clinic dedicated to serving individuals experiencing homelessness. Mosaic's integrated care model extends beyond the scope of traditional medical services by incorporating a comprehensive, team-based approach. This methodology ensures a well-coordinated network of medical and dental care, behavioral health and substance use disorder services, nutrition services, and pharmacy solutions, resulting in enhanced patient outcomes and significant health care system cost reductions.

We, the Crook County Board of Commissioners, firmly support Mosaic's request for a \$4 million State Bond to aid the development of the Conners Campus in East Bend, slated for completion by the end of 2026. While the campus will be located in Bend, its impact will resonate throughout Central Oregon, benefiting the residents of Crook County profoundly. The new facility will centralize pediatric, family practice, behavioral health, pharmacy, and dental services, offering comprehensive and integrated health services in one convenient location to primarily low-income, underinsured, and uninsured patients across the greater Bend area, including those commuting from neighboring towns.

We appreciate your consideration of this crucial project, which promises to enhance the health infrastructure of our region significantly.

Sincerely,

X *Susan M. Hermreck* X Not present

Susan Hermreck
County Commissioner

Brian Barney
County Commissioner

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Seth Crawford
County Commissioner