



March 28, 2025

Re: Mosaic Community Health - Conners Campus State Bond Request

Dear Senator Lieber, Representative Sanchez, and members of the Committee,

For more than 50 years, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) have provided quality and affordable primary and preventive care, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, and a variety of complementary services to America's most vulnerable patients and medically underserved communities. Locally, Mosaic Community Health's (Mosaic) innovative community health center is the largest in the region, serving over 32,000 patients across Central Oregon.

Mosaic has 16 health centers spanning across Bend, Redmond, Madras and Prineville including three pharmacies, seven School-Based Health Centers, and a Mobile Clinic that serves people experiencing homelessness. Mosaic's model brings together multiple services and addressing care through a team-based approach. As a result, Mosaic patients benefit from a coordinated system that includes medical and dental care, behavioral health and substance use disorder services, nutrition services, pharmacy and more, leading to better patient outcomes and healthcare system cost savings.

We support Mosaic's \$4 million State Bond Request to support the development of the Conners Campus in east Bend by the end of 2026. Mosaic services are scattered among multiple sites, creating logistical challenges for patients and health providers alike. The new Mosaic campus will provide accessible health services directly to primarily low-income, underinsured, or uninsured patients in the greater Bend area. With the consolidation of services, Central Oregon constituents will benefit from comprehensive, integrated health services provided in one accessible location.

The planned Mosaic Community Health Conners Campus is critically needed to ensure comprehensive healthcare for all community members. Thank you for your consideration.

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