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Dear Senator Lieber and Representative Sanchez:

As the Executive Director of Housing Works, I write to you to express my full support for Mosaic Community Health's (Mosaic) State Bond Funding request to support the development of the new Mosaic Community Health Conners Campus.

Housing Works is the local housing authority for Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties. We provide affordable housing, rental assistance, and new beginnings for low-and moderate-income Central Oregonians. We believe affordable, accessible healthcare is right up there among the most needed and desired services our communities depend on for their well-being.

Mosaic and Housing Works have a long history of collaborating to serve low-income individuals throughout Central Oregon including the co-location of Mosaic health centers in two of our affordable senior housing developments. We are proud of the innovative projects we have implemented together over the years. And we are looking forward to another collaborative project which is why I am writing to you today to demonstrate my support for the Mosaic Community Health Conners Campus to be developed next door to Housing Works' new 3-story, 45-unit workforce housing.

Rapid growth in Central Oregon has created declining affordability and a growing unhoused population. Currently in Bend, Mosaic's healthcare services are scattered among multiple sites. The new Mosaic campus will deliver health services directly to 20,000 patients, primarily low-income, underinsured, or uninsured, in the most low-income and diverse area of the city. Mosaic will construct a new 40,000 square foot building that, when completed, will create a health care campus that provides services in an ideal central location, with a full array of comprehensive health services supporting growing low-income and marginalized communities of Central Oregon.

We have seen first-hand how the integration of affordable housing and healthcare improves overall health outcomes for our community. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Should you wish to meet or receive further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,


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