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Dear Representatives,

As president of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, I wanted to extend my gratitude for your consideration of House Bill 4075-A. As a young union rep with the Local, one of my first assignments took me through the communities of Coos Bay and North Bend. Working with those members and their families gave me a particular appreciation for a corner of our state that is too often overlooked.

Today, UFCW 555 proudly represents over 400 workers at the Bay Area Hospital and hundreds more workers in the region's food supply chain.

HB 4075-A, pursued in concert with the leadership at the Bay Area Hospital, is the top priority legislation for our union this session.

I've been asked why we care so much about just 400 members, when we represent tens of thousands of other Oregon workers. But it's not just our members — it's their friends and families, the patients they serve, the community they live in, and every person who visits the Oregon coast. The cost of doing nothing — the cost of lives, increased Medicaid reimbursements, job loss, and general economic impact — is simply too high.

We have worked with stakeholders to explore possible solutions for over a year: direct grants, boundary adjustments, local matches, bonds, partnerships, and a litany of other options. In the end, House Bill 4075-A may not be a perfect bill, but it is an optimal bill: a viable solution that curtails the severe effects of Hospital cutbacks while representing the least possible impact to other budgets and services.

Please focus on the fundamental opportunity before you: To save Oregon's only publicly-owned DRG (large-scale) Hospital and the only DRG Hospital on the Oregon coast. Thousands of people rely on this hospital for their lives and their livelihoods, and today, they are relying on you to make the right choice. Please vote YES on HB 4075-A.

In Solidarity,

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