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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4075

"TO: Treasurer Steiner and Legislators,

I am urging you to vote YES on the legislative package to assist the Bay Area Hospital, including House Bill 4075. The Bay Area Hospital still needs some assistance, but the disciplined recovery plan of the last few months has shown its potential for lasting financial independence. I am one of the physicians on staff in this rural area of Oregon and have seen firsthand the paucity of available care here.

If we do nothing this Legislative Session, the community will be facing significant economic and healthcare impacts, including the loss of 97 full-time jobs and \$9.1 million in local wages, not to mention a huge loss of life due to lack of healthcare anywhere close to home for thousands in our region.

Please support local healthcare access and act to save the Bay Area Hospital!