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On Behalf Of:
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"Hello State Treasurer and Lawmakers:

I've worked in the Bay Area for over 35 years. I observed years of prosperity for a well managed hospital. The last administration set the hospital up for failure, clearly with a plan to sell it to a private equity group. Citizen involvement was able to break up that deal and we now have a sound management group in place making all the right moves to allow the hospital to recover.

The hospital still is at a huge deficit due to the prior administrator, and would benefit from funds for needed and ignored upgrades. Also, ideally a way to eventually refinance a loan which was never needed and used to buy a dysfunctional electronic medical records system. These two assists would allow the hospital to get back on sound footing. New management can handle the rest.

Bay Area Hospital is the major employer on the Oregon coast and is the major referral and only trauma center for the southern Oregon coast. It's failure would be a huge financial disaster for the area. Additionally, we would lose what is a major factor for people considering moving to the area and for development.

Please give serious consideration to the funds requested and perhaps a way to refinance the loan at more favorable terms.

Thank you.

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