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WEST EUGENE & JUNCTION CITY



February 8, 2017

The Honorable Richard Devlin
The Honorable Nancy Nathanson
Joint Committee on Ways & Means
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Devlin and Nathanson,


We, the undersigned Lane County legislators, are writing to urge you to protect the Oregon State Hospital's Junction City campus from closing and to ensure that it receives the funding it needs to meet the demand for its critical services.


The State of Oregon has invested \$130 million in building the facility and will be paying off its bonds until 2039. Closing the campus would cost Lane County hundreds of jobs and would undermine the trust we have worked to build with our constituents that our government will be a good steward of their resources. It would also put undue strain on our state's mental health care system, because our community-based facilities do not have the resources necessary to accept additional patients and provide adequate treatment.


While we understand the severe budget shortfall our state faces if we do not increase revenue, we request that the Ways & Means Committee pass a budget that keeps the Junction City Hospital open and minimizes any cuts in funding.

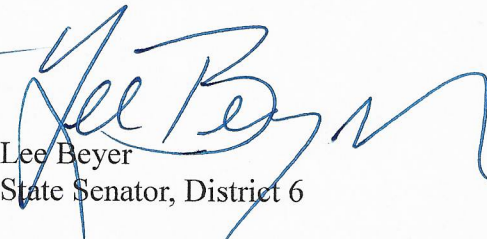
Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you to find budgetary solutions that protect the critical services on which Oregonians rely.

Respectfully,


Julie Fahey
State Representative, District 14

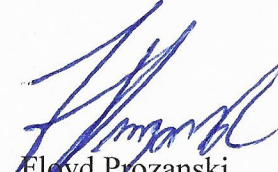

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