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To: Ways and Means Human Services
Sub-Committee

Re: Closing of Oregon State
Psychiatric Hospital at
Junction City.

Committee Members: March 07, 2017

My husband and I live in
The Dalles, and I have a 25-year
old grandson who resides at
the state hospital in J.C.
Vic has been incarcerated since
July 2016; he lived in Eugene
prior to that. He is a schizo-
phrenic. Before becoming a
hospital resident, Vic would
not seek help and/or medication
It was court-ordered. In the
seven months Vic has been at
J.C., we have seen major
changes in him. He is again
the funny, charming, warm
person he was before the
schizophrenic condition claimed
him. He again shows interest

and welcomes us as his family.
~~again~~. We credit this to the
medication he is on and to
the significant help of the
hospital staff and adminis-
tration.

My husband and I both feel
if the hospital were to be
closed, Ric's treatment might
be lessened, and the support
we are able to give him
because of proximity and
accessibility would also be
negated or abated.

We implore you to keep
the hospital at Junction City
open. We are concerned
about what that closure
will do to Ric's continued
improvement - where will
he be placed? All families
probably feel this. Each of
those families is a po-
tential ~~had~~ tragedy waiting
to occur.

Thank you for listening
to my concerns for the
future of my grandson.

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