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Dear Brenda,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of La Clinica's Caring for our Community campaign to expand urgent care services. Additional urgent care services will relieve pressure on our overcrowded emergency departments, help contain health care costs by providing care in a clinic setting and in a timely manner, and will improve the Rogue Valley's capacity to respond to infectious disease outbreaks and other emergencies. This new service expansion will serve the residents of one of the most impoverished and underserved areas in our community and provide additional access to care for our community's underserved children and families, agricultural workers, and those without homes.

La Clinica is a critical partner in the delivery of health care services to the residents of Jackson County and we hold you in high esteem for your efforts to provide critical safety net services to our community's uninsured, underinsured, and low-income residents.

Providence Medford Medical Center serves a geographic area with a population of greater than 500,000, and we depend on agencies like La Clinica to provide comprehensive and timely health care services in our community. Our organization, like La Clinica, is concerned with the difficulty many face in accessing affordable and timely health care and commit to supporting the expansion of these services in our community. Southern Oregon is facing many difficulties and we are proud to join community partners, like La Clinica, to help close service gaps and address the comprehensive health needs of our community.

We believe La Clinica is ideally placed to execute this initiative. For nearly thirty-five years, La Clinica has successfully expanded services in our community, especially for the most vulnerable and underserved, and Providence Medford Medical Center strongly recommends La Clinica and this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 541-732-5195.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Pizzi", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Pizzi
Southern Oregon Service Area Chief Executive