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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4075

"Attn: Treasurer Steiner and Legislators,

Please support the Bay Area Hospital's plan for restabilization this session, including the plan for refinancing existing debt. After months of reforms and cost-cutting, the Hospital is in much better shape but still struggling with high interest payments and aging equipment.

The alternative is to do nothing, but this risks the economic health of the region as well as local lives. It means the cessation of Bay Area Hospital accepting most transfers from other clinics in the region.

Your support of the Bay Area Hospital is needed now.

Also, and related, how much money has President Trump and his sycophants wasted on ICE activities in Portland and elsewhere in Oregon, and wasted on the deployment of the National Guard? Whatever the amount, I will assume that Bay Area Hospital could have benefited from that expenditure.

Sincerely,