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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4075

"Attn: Oregon State Treasurer and Legislature,

A crucial factor that for our decision to move to the Coos Bay area after we retired was the presence of a full-service hospital. My wife has preexisting conditions that require proximity to quality medical services including a full service hospital with a full array of specialists and a fully functional emergency room in the event of a medical incident. The prospect of transferal to Eugene or Roseburg is unacceptable to us. Loss of the hospital or downgrading the institution to a type B service would force us to leave this area. The people of Coos County need and deserve a full service hospital as an essential component of the quality of life one expects and deserves in the State of Oregon and the US.

So, with all that and many other factors in mind, I am asking you to please support HB 4075 and other legislation to assist the Bay Area Hospital this Legislative Session. After several months of implementing a turnaround strategy, the Hospital has shown that it can be a sustainable part of the community but challenges remain.

If the State is unwilling to assist the Bay Area Hospital, it will likely downgrade to a ""type B"" hospital. This comes with a number of costs to wellness and the local economy, including the cessation of Bay Area Hospital accepting most transfers from other clinics in the region.

I'm hoping you will stand up in favor of the Bay Area Hospital.

Best regards,"