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Governor Kate Brown
900 Court St NE
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Dear Governor Brown,

As one of the state's safety net members of Oregon's largest Coordinated Care Organization (CCO), Yamhill County is deeply invested in the future of coordinated care in Oregon.

Yamhill County and its community partners administer and manage the Behavioral Health Medicaid Benefit on behalf of its Medicaid members. As the Local Mental Health Authority, we operate a 24-hour crisis hotline and mobile crisis outreach. As the Local Public Health Authority, we work to prevent disease, enforce public health laws, ensure clean air and water, and address critical issues such as opioids and tobacco use. And as Local Housing Authority, our county works with private and non-profit housing developers, health systems, and other supportive housing partners to increase affordable and healthy housing in our communities.

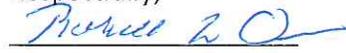
We feel strongly that continuing to have a single CCO in our region will greatly support our collective goals related to coordinated care such as:

- Ensure access to a robust continuum of care for all Medicaid members in the region.
- Reduce administrative burden and allow our county to continue to leverage resources.
- Support community-level continuity of care, in which counties work across sectors to create and manage a system of care that promotes health for all community members.
- Promote continuity of care for Oregon Health Plan members who stay connected to current providers in mental, physical, and dental health.
- Help us meet social determinants of health goals, for instance, by generating the necessary economies of scale in supportive housing efforts.
- Support integration efforts across the continuum of care.

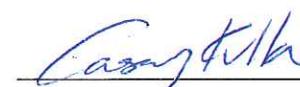
We believe that Counties are integral to Oregon's coordinated care goals. We help people become healthy and stay healthy. We lower costs with our focus on continuity of care, social determinants of health, and health equity. We urge you to do what you can to limit multiple CCOs in our region so that we can continue to bring our best to the CCO model.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

Respectfully,


Richard L. "Rick" Olson
Chair


Mary Starrett
Vice-Chair


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Commissioner

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