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Justin Garey, Program Director
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Dear Mr. Garey,

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors expresses its strong support for Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District's (the "District") proposed construction project at 286 Sprowel Creek Road in Garberville, CA. The District's existing 70-year-old facility cannot be feasibly remodeled to meet California's updated seismic standards, making new construction essential.

As the sole hospital with an emergency room serving an area spanning approximately 120 miles north to south and 150 miles east to west, the District provides critical healthcare services—including emergency care, laboratory, radiology, and RHC services—to this rural community.

Securing permanent financing through USDA enhanced funding will enable the District to continue delivering these essential services while maintaining a sound financial foundation. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors fully supports the District's application for USDA federal assistance and its commitment to meeting the healthcare needs of the region.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bushnell, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors