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The Honorable Senator Alejandro Padilla
United States Senate
333 Bush St, Ste 3225
San Francisco, CA 94104

Re: Adventist Health Clear Lake FY2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request

Dear Senator Padilla,

I write in support of Adventist Health Clear Lake's request for FY2025 Congressionally Directed Spending. The Lake County Board of Supervisors have partnered with Adventist Health for over 25 years to serve our rural communities in Lake County.

One of the most persistent challenges in our community involves access to care. Over 78% of our residents live in a zone affected by a Health Professional Shortage Area. This is due to several factors, including geography, local risk factors and the higher rates of poverty that Lake County residents experience. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that 17.1% of the community identifies as persons in poverty compared to 12.2% statewide. This is especially significant for our children who need appropriate healthcare to grow, develop and reach their full potential as adults.

If granted, this funding request would launch a project to address this gap in care through a mobile health care unit for our community. This is a necessary complement to the existing services of the Adventist Health system in this rural setting. Mobile clinics increase access to preventive services that would otherwise be unavailable or hard-to-reach in a cost-effective manner. In fact, Harvard Medical School's Mobile Health Map estimates that mobile clinics across the county save 3,122 lives each year.

Partnership with local schools will be at the core of this new service, as, together, it will allow us to reach students beyond the walls of medical facilities. Youth will receive health screenings, immunizations, sports physicals and other general healthcare on campus and/or other convenient locations. This multi-county project will have a long-term, significant impact on hundreds of thousands of lives – especially the almost 15,000 youths in our community aged 18 and under.

I strongly urge your support for Adventist Health Clear Lake's application for congressionally directed spending that will have positive impacts to those in need of healthcare in Lake County.

Sincerely,

Bruno Sabatier, Chair
Lake County Board of Supervisors