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Timothy Stephens, CEO Sutter Lakeside Hospital 5176 Hill Road East Lakeport, CA 95453

Subject: Support for Sutter Lakeside Hospital Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) (Proposition 1 - Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure (BHCIP) Round 2: Unmet Needs Funding)

Dear Timothy Stephens,

We are writing to express strong support for the Sutter Lakeside Hospital Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) project, which is seeking funding through BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs Funding.

Lake County urgently needs local crisis stabilization services to support individuals experiencing acute mental or behavioral health crises. The proposed CSU will provide immediate assessment, psychiatric evaluation, medication support, counseling, safety and stabilization, and rapid linkage to ongoing community services. This facility will enhance local capacity for SB 43 implementation and serve as Lake County's only LPS-designated site, offering high-intensity psychiatric care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and local residents.

Our community relies on accessible behavioral health services, and this project addresses a critical gap in care. The Sutter Lakeside CSU will significantly strengthen Lake County's behavioral health infrastructure, ensuring residents receive timely, compassionate, and comprehensive care close to home.

The Lake County Board of Supervisors fully supports this initiative and commends Sutter Lakeside Hospital's commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of our residents. We look forward to the positive, lasting impact this project will bring to our community.

Thank you for your consideration and dedication to advancing behavioral health services in Lake County. Respectfully;

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