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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm the Medical Director for Lincoln County EMS. I'm writing to lend my strongest support to the joint project of a helipad near and ambulance bay attached to new construction clinic facility for Family Health Services (FHS) in Shoshone, Lincoln County, Idaho.

Lincoln County has a marginal agricultural economy and is underserved for medical, dental, and behavioral health services. I've been in private practice here since 1985.

As of 8/1/2022, Family Health Services will take over operations of Shoshone Family Medical Center in its current location while a new, larger, facility – with dental and behavioral health space – is constructed on the southeast side of Shoshone on land leased from Lincoln County. The new location has space allocated for the only helipad in Lincoln County that should meet FAA specifications.

The ambulance bay addition to the clinic building will allow for economic and functional benefit of shared space for conference room, break room and restroom with shower as well as interaction between healthcare professionals.

Professionally yours,

Medical Director, Lincoln EMS, Shoshone, Idaho



Aaron Houston, CEO
Family Health Services
794 Eastland Drive
Twin Falls, ID 83301

RE: Letter of Support for Community Project Funding request

Dear Mr. Houston,

The Lincoln County Commissioners are pleased to offer our support to Family Health Services for your Community Project Funding request to construct a helipad and an ambulance bay connected to your new Community Health Center being built in Lincoln County. The ambulance bay will be operated by Lincoln County EMS. Lincoln County does not have access to a helipad to facilitate the myriad medical emergencies that present in Lincoln County each year. The local school parking lot has been used in the past, but presents significant difficulties, including potential damage to vehicles and structures and increased risk to pilot and patient. Access to emergency medical services is very limited with the closest hospital over 19 miles away.

The collaboration of Lincoln County, Shoshone Family Medical Center and Family Health Services will bring a new medical and dental facility to Shoshone, Idaho and will be a tremendous benefit to improve the health of our County. The new primary medical and dental healthcare facility will also include a breakroom, conference room, office, and bathroom spaces to be shared with Lincoln County, and the dedicated space for an ambulance bay.

The medical clinic co-located with an ambulance bay and an adjacent helipad in rural Shoshone, Idaho will provide direct access to the most comprehensive care in the event of a medical emergency anywhere in rural Lincoln County. The Lincoln County Commissioners fully support this project and application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Wood - Chairman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Lincoln County Commissioners
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