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April 9, 2024

The Honorable Richard Roth
Chair, Senate Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 3310
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 1432 (Caballero) – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Senator Roth:

El Dorado County knows firsthand the importance of our local hospital, Marshall, when it comes to our community's health. We understand Marshall has met the seismic structural standards, meaning our hospital will stand following an earthquake. However, our hospital is now at risk of closure if it does not meet the 2030 seismic standards to remain operational after an earthquake. **El Dorado County supports Senate Bill (SB) 1432 (Caballero, D-Merced), which would extend the deadline for the 2030 seismic mandate and require the state to analyze, and report to the Legislature on, the mandate's impact on health care costs and access throughout California's communities.**

El Dorado County is a rural community that relies on Marshall to provide general, specialized, and emergency healthcare to its residents and visitors, including some of our most vulnerable populations. El Dorado County supports SB 1432 because it will allow for Marshall to have more time to meet the standards, while making sure the state has fully analyzed the impact on health care costs and access. The closure of Marshall Hospital would be devastating to El Dorado County residents and visitors.

We rely on Marshall to meet our communities' health priorities. As Marshall continues preparations to meet the 2030 requirements, it is crucial that it has sufficient time so that construction's impact on patient care is minimized.

Please consider the importance of maintaining access to hospital care for communities throughout California. We cannot afford to erode patient care in our local community.

For these reasons, El Dorado County requests your “YES” vote on SB 1432.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Wendy Thomas, Chair
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Anna Caballero
The Honorable Marie Alvarado-Gil
The Honorable Members of the Senate Health Committee
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