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Thank you,

Ray Nutting, Chairman
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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EL DORADO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dear Ray Nutting,

We have used the services of the PHF for our daughter who suffers from mental illness. On numerous occasions, the PHF staff have supported her and us to help her get through crisis, and we consider this facility and the staff a life saver of our daughter. In these times, the community needs more mental health support and services, yet we understand that closure of the PHF is being considered. We strongly recommend that the services provided at the PHF be continued, as it is critical for Placerville and the surrounding area to offer a place for patients and their families to go during crisis.

Using the jail should not be considered an option, because a person in a mental health crisis needs to be treated for their condition, and lack of treatment exacerbates their problem. The jail does not treat for mental illness. The PHF provides a safe, clean, structured environment with group programs that help stabilize patients in need. Proper medications are given at the PHF for the patients' needs, and this does not occur at the jail. When a person with mental illness does not receive the needed medication, it pushes them further into their mental illness.

Thank you for considering our request,

Jim and Joanne Abram, Pollock Pines

NAMI members and parents of an adult child with mental illness