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William C. Davis
Acting State Director
U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development
220 East Rosser Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58502-6601

Dear Director Davis:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by Unity Medical Center in Grafton, North Dakota, to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities Program.

As a Critical Access Hospital, Unity Medical Center provides essential services for rural residents in the northeastern portion of North Dakota. These services provide important safeguards for the health of those who live and work in the region. However, the medical center faces several challenges in delivering care that could be alleviated through modernization of the facility. For example, the facility's layout and square footage mean that it can at times struggle to meet the demands of modern health care delivery. As a result, delays in the delivery of care can impact the quality of care received by patients.

In order to correct this situation, Unity Medical Center has proposed a major renovation of its facility. This includes a three-story addition with new or renovated spaces for the emergency department, surgical services and rehabilitation services. Such updates would not only improve outcomes for patients, they would support the long-term financial viability of the medical center, ensuring access to quality medical services for Grafton and surrounding communities for years to come.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that you give Unity Medical Center's application full and fair consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please keep me informed of the review process, and feel free to contact my office with any updates or inquiries.

Sincerely,

John Hoeven
U.S. Senator

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