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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3921, which would approve the City of Roseburg's proposed Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) exchange.

The acceptance of the UGB would provide an opportunity for buildable city land to be available for residential housing within the city limits. To date, we employ more than 1,300 nurses, support staff, physicians and specialists, which makes Mercy one of the area's largest employers.

Mercy is actively recruiting for over a dozen physician roles and over 70 clinical and other non-clinical positions to join our healthcare team. One of our greatest hurdles when we are recruiting new team members is the lack of housing opportunities in Roseburg. Most new hires experience a temporary housing period with needs ranging from apartments to family housing - all are difficult to locate for our employees.

Small-town commute with big-city healthcare is exactly how Roseburg is described and this rezone fits. It is needed in our area as it will elevate opportunity for a large increase in housing units within city limits and in close proximity to our healthcare facilities. A shorter commute with available, affordable housing is a recruitment and retention must have for Mercy.

The City of Roseburg projects this rezoning will meet Roseburg's housing needs for the next 20 years. This is a critical element for Mercy to remain successful in providing healthcare to our community, especially those who are most vulnerable, while expanding service lines and specialties.

I strongly urge you to support HB3921 for the betterment of Roseburg and our vibrant community.

Sincerely,



Russell J. Woolley
President
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