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Oregon Health Care Market Oversight Staff,

Mosaic Community Health strongly supports the potential transaction between The Center and St. Charles Health System to expand their relationship. The organizations recently submitted an Emergency Exemption request to the Oregon Health Authority's Material Transaction Review process that we hope you will approve.

As members of the Central Oregon healthcare community, our team works regularly with providers at The Center and St. Charles. We have seen first-hand the pain and stress our patients go through while waiting for orthopedic services in our underserved region. Losing any access to care would be unacceptable - we need more care for our community, not less.

Given the difficulties independent medical practices face today, we believe it is in the best interest of our patients, and the greater Central Oregon community, for The Center and St. Charles to complete their potential transaction as soon as possible. We have full confidence that St. Charles and The Center physicians have the best interest of our patients at heart and will work together to ensure no disruption in care. This transaction is very likely to improve access to care for our region.

Thank you for supporting this important and impactful transaction. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

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