Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

January 31, 2019

The Honorable Xavier Becerra Attorney General, State of California California Department of Justice 1300 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Attorney General Becerra,

We are writing to express our full support for Santa Clara County's efforts to purchase the O'Connor and Saint Louise hospitals. When these facilities filed for bankruptcy the sole bidder was Santa Clara County who showed a willingness to save these hospitals. It is in the best interests of our constituents that these medical facilities continue to serve our local communities' health care needs.

For the residents of south county and low income residents of San Jose the continuing operation of these medical facilities is literally a question of life or death. Without them residents of south county would have to travel at least 25 miles to the nearest emergency room, and many low income residents could go without care. We are asking that you and your office not let the perfect be the enemy of the good and do everything in your power to ensure that the sale of these hospitals to Santa Clara County goes through on time. Otherwise, we risk the permanent closure of these vital medical facilities.

Sincerely,

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