



Imagine better health.SM

July 10, 2026

2700 NW Stewart Parkway
Roseburg, OR 97471

chimercyhealth.com

Matt Gilman. **MPPA**
Facilities Planning and Safety Regulatory Manager
Oregon Health Authority
Via email: Matt.S.GILMAN@oha.oregon.gov

Re: Certificate of Need Application – Timber Springs Behavioral Health Hospital

Dear Mr. Gilman:

Mercy Medical Center offers its strong support for the Timber Springs Behavioral Health Hospital, a proposed behavioral health facility in Springfield. This project represents a critical and timely investment in behavioral health infrastructure and will help address our region's urgent need for additional adolescent and adult inpatient psychiatric capacity.

Mercy operates a 12 bed, short-term, inpatient behavioral health stabilization unit for adults 18 years and older that provides assessment, stabilization of acute symptoms, medication management, group therapy and discharge planning. Our experienced professional team has specialized training to care for people with both mental health needs and substance use disorders.

Mercy is acutely aware of the challenge of ensuring timely access to behavioral health services, particularly for individuals experiencing acute psychiatric crises requiring hospitalization. We too often are unable to admit a patient due to age, census or clinical need. This delays care and impacts families and our hospital ED. The development of Timber Springs will significantly improve access. For adolescents and adults requiring this level of care, the ability to access treatment in our southern valleys, rather than traveling longer distances to the Portland metropolitan area or out of State will reduce disruption for patients and families, support continuity of care, and help preserve important family and community connections during treatment and recovery. We also expect that Timber Springs will provide a much-needed resource for hospitals, emergency departments, first responders, community partners, patients, and families working to navigate Oregon's behavioral health system.

For all of these reasons, Mercy Medical Center strongly supports the CON application and encourages OHA to timely approve it.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should additional information be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell J. Woolley", written in a cursive style.

Russell J. Woolley
Mkt President/CEO

RJW/evk