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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express support for the proposed co-location of Timber Springs Behavioral Health Hospital alongside the Lane Stabilization Center in Springfield.

As the primary provider of parks and recreation services in Springfield, Willamalane serves more than 65,000 community members each year through programs, events, parks, and facilities that support physical health, social connection, and overall well-being. Through this work, staff regularly interact with individuals and families who would benefit from accessible and coordinated mental and behavioral health resources in our community. This newly proposed location for the Timber Springs Behavioral Health Hospital would be an extremely valuable resource for the Springfield community. Improving access to timely stabilization and treatment services aligns with broader community goals of supporting health, safety, and stability for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

Willamalane recognizes behavioral and mental health as critical components of a healthy, active community where everyone belongs. The proposed co-location represents an approach intended to strengthen coordination among community systems that serve Springfield residents.

Timber Springs Behavioral Health Hospital and the Lane Stabilization Center address a significant community need and reflect an effort to improve access to care for individuals and families in crisis. As Executive Director of Willamalane Park and Recreation District, I offer support for the proposal as it moves forward for consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Wargo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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