



CITY OF COQUILLE

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Oregonians for Rural Health
522 SE Washington Avenue, Suite 107
Roseburg, OR 97470

On behalf of the City of Coquille, I am pleased to join the coalition of local leaders, healthcare providers, economic development groups and others in support of the construction of a regional allied health medical college in Roseburg, Oregon.

A regional medical college will meet a critical demand for healthcare service professionals in southwest Oregon. Healthcare is a growing sector of our economy to meet the needs of an aging population and the needs of the general population to address threats from illnesses associated with obesity, diabetes and substance abuse. This proposal is consistent with the City of Coquille's strategic plan to promote the local economy by encouraging both a growing job market as well as a growing population of qualified candidates to fill those jobs.

We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with the regional medical college in establishing a pipeline of trained healthcare professionals for the region and other rural areas. Building a regional medical college will ensure access to essential healthcare, while serving as a much-needed economic engine for our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Marchant".

Benjamin Marchant
City Manager