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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I am writing in support of North Olympic Healthcare Network's efforts to secure USDA financing for acquisition of clinic space in downtown Port Angeles.

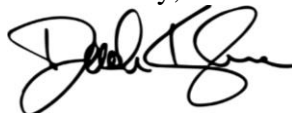
North Olympic Healthcare Network (NOHN) is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center providing comprehensive, full-spectrum primary care, behavioral health services, and dental care to residents of Clallam County regardless of their ability to pay.

As a 501(c)3 not-for-profit health care provider governed by a patient-majority consumer community board, its mission is to provide patient-centered, quality-driven, whole-person healthcare services that are accessible to everyone in the community. NOHN has experienced rapid growth since its inception in 2015, expanding services and access to patients who previously struggled to find a medical home. NOHN expects further growth with need for additional services and providers as it responds to anticipated growing health care needs in the community.

NOHN currently leases all of its clinic space and is seeking low-interest USDA financing for the purchase of clinic space in downtown Port Angeles to incur lower monthly mortgage expenses relative to lease costs. Ultimately this will enable NOHN to direct those savings toward obtaining additional clinic space to accommodate future expansion of providers and services to the community.

For these reasons, I urge you to give full and fair consideration to North Olympic Healthcare Network's efforts to secure USDA financing for acquisition of clinic space in downtown Port Angeles. Should you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Robins in my Port Angeles district office at (360) 797-3623 or MaryJane.Robins@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Derek Kilmer
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