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Subject Line: CON Application adding 36 inpatient behavioral health beds at Mat-Su Regional Medical Center

Dear Ms. Hicks:

I am writing to SUPPORT the Certificate of Need application to add 36 inpatient behavioral health beds for adult substance abuse and mental health services at Mat-Su Regional Medical Center in Palmer.

Currently, these services are non-existent in the Mat-Su Borough. In light of the alarming opioid epidemic and growing instances of mental health crises, being forced to rely on the local emergency department as a substitute for behavioral health care is no longer an option.

As the second largest, and fastest growing population in all of Alaska, we need access to care for our behavioral health needs now.

I request that Mat-Su Regional's application be approved.

Personal Testimony on Substance Abuse or Mental Health Needs in the Mat-Su Borough

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____