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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed ambulatory surgery center at Lawrence Memorial Hospital of Medford.

Since moving to Medford twenty years ago, I have seen the changes in the local/regional healthcare landscape and its impact upon the community. Unfortunately, that impact has not always been good—especially for the most vulnerable members of our community. However, throughout these changes Lawrence Memorial Hospital has made concerted, deliberate, and diligent efforts to meet the needs of those most at-risk. These usually innovative efforts continued despite funding challenges, changes in regulations, reporting requirements, etc. that could have obliterated services and/or access to them. Yet, with the committed, competent, and dedicated staff, administrators, and trustees, Lawrence Memorial Hospital has become a national model in many areas of healthcare services and their delivery. This current initiative is another example of the commitment to bring high-quality, cost-effective healthcare to the community.

Therefore, I fully support the ambulatory surgery center proposed by Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Not only will this fill a needed gap and be readily accessible to both local and regional residents, it will also help revitalize a once thriving medical campus.

I strongly ask for your support and approval of Lawrence Memorial Hospital's proposed ambulatory surgical center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta C. Kemp".