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Dr. Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH
President and CEO
Loma Linda University Health
11175 Campus Street
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RE: Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) grant application from the U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA)

Dear Dr. Hart:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for an application from Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) for a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the program for Investments for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities to help them build a new San Bernardino campus and develop health care job training called the Gateway Initiative.

The Gateway Initiative will provide short-term training and certificate programs for jobs that are increasingly in high demand in the region such as medical assistants, licensed vocational nurses, home health aides, dental assistants, laboratory technicians, emergency medical technicians, nursing assistants, and physical and occupational therapy aides. These training programs will open up opportunities to pursue higher paying careers and technical education certificates and degrees leading to such highly skilled jobs as nurses, therapists, physician assistants, medical technicians, and paramedics, as well as chances to begin entrepreneurial ventures in small business fields such as home health care, nutrition, physical and occupational therapy, and medical technology.

I support the plan to expand Loma Linda University Health and strong support your grant application. This plan would be a prudent investment of federal funds and provide enormous economic benefits for the region including thousands of jobs and other related business development. I endorse this project and encourage your efforts to implement it as soon as possible.

Please keep me informed of the progress of the new campus building and the Gateway Initiative and let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Takano".

Mark Takano
Member of Congress