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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been affiliated with the Jerry White Family Care Clinic (JWFCC), a community health clinic, in Jefferson County, KS since its inception. This past year we were able to sustain this clinic through funding that came through a community health clinic grant.

I am the Nurse Practitioner and only practitioner that helps the clients manage their acute and chronic health care needs. The JWFCC is the only clinic of its kind in Jefferson County, KS. Our goal is to continue the current services and hopefully in the future expand services to meet the needs of individuals that require health care that we offer at JWFCC. Without outside funding sources, this clinic cannot continue to offer the much needed services for our county.

I hope that you take into consideration the needs of those individuals that cannot afford health care through the mainstream insurance funded arena. Without community health clinics, these individuals will not seek health care until they are extremely ill. This puts a far greater financial burden on a health care organization then if there chronic illnesses are managed through local community health clinics.

It is my hope that we will be able to continue our services for many years to come. It is crucial that these types of clinics remain funded and active in order to assist those in need of this type of care.

Please feel free to contact me at the above address/number if needed.

Sincerely,

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