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February 26, 2025

The Honorable Mark R. Warner
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Tim Kaine
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231 Russell Senate Office Building
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Subject: Support for Colonial Behavioral Health's Congressional Directed Spending Request

Dear Senator Warner and Senator Kaine:

I am writing to express strong support for Colonial Behavioral Health's request for \$4 million in Congressional Directed Spending to support the development of a new consolidated outpatient healthcare facility in Greater Williamsburg. This facility will integrate primary care, dental care, behavioral healthcare, and pharmacy services, addressing critical gaps in outpatient and primary care services across the region.

This project is essential to improving community health outcomes and reducing the strain on emergency services. By expanding outpatient mental health and substance use disorder treatment, the facility will provide preventive and crisis-intervention care, reducing reliance on hospital emergency departments and law enforcement. The inclusion of on-site pharmacy services will further enhance medication adherence for individuals with serious mental illness.

Investing in this project will yield significant economic and workforce benefits. Improved access to behavioral healthcare supports a healthier workforce and reduces costs related to incarceration, hospitalization, and disability claims. As the administrative center for Colonial Behavioral Health, the facility will also enhance regional coordination across Williamsburg, James City County, York County, and Poquoson, strengthening Virginia's behavioral health system. Additionally, this initiative will address longstanding public health disparities by increasing healthcare access for low-income and uninsured populations. The facility's integrated care model positions it to attract additional grant funding and serve as an innovative model for future behavioral healthcare solutions in Virginia.

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By funding this cost-effective, sustainable project, we can improve health outcomes, reduce overall healthcare costs, and support economic growth. I appreciate your consideration of this request and urge your support for this critical investment in Virginia's healthcare infrastructure.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to improving behavioral healthcare access.

Sincerely,

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