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Dr. Nichols:

On behalf of Fort Healthcare (FHC), the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation (GWCHF), and the Watertown Regional Medical Center (WRMC), we write to express our support for Rock River Community Clinic's (RRCC) 2025-2026 Capital Expansion Project.

As the primary local healthcare providers and funders in Jefferson County, our organizations are committed to ensuring the ongoing success of RRCC. Since 2020, we have collectively gifted over \$2,000,000 in support of RRCC operations and have written-off millions of dollars in qualifying patient costs for those referred by RRCC in need of diagnostics or speciality care (FHC & WRMC).

Rural health systems and foundations like ours have a strong history of collaboration to improve community health. We recognize the inherent need to work together in addressing health needs, minimizing health costs, and reducing health disparities. With established medical, dental, and behavioral health services and a rapidly growing Hispanic/Latino immigrant population, the proposed capital expansion provides RRCC the needed opportunity to sustain, expand, and advance access to comprehensive primary health care for low income community members in an integrated, cost-efficient way.

Through our local network of hospital and community partners, we believe this work will further enhance opportunities for us to learn and work together to improve health care access and reduce health disparities in our community. As such, we stand in strong support of Rock River Community Clinic's application, and their capital expansion project to continue their impactful care and services.

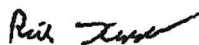
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