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Tony McComble
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To whom it may concern,

One of my priorities as Representative to the 71st district is to actively engage constituents to work together to solve challenges in our communities. One need regularly vocalized throughout my district is the provision of mental health services in rural communities where social determinants negatively impact access and ongoing recovery.

I believe it is my duty and responsibility to represent every constituent in my district whether ensuring access to mental health services, reducing the risk healthcare violence or providing pathways for recovery. This letter of support of CGH Medical Center's application for an inpatient behavioral health unit is my way to demonstrate that commitment.

Traveling outside of our community for inpatient behavioral health services does not meet the needs of our communities and only heightens awareness of the social disparities evident in our State. Rather than simply ignoring this need, CGH Medical Center is following their vision of meeting the ongoing healthcare needs of our community by creating paths to better health. Thank you for considering their application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony M. McComble".

Representative Tony McComble