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Dear Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Education,

This letter is in support of Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC). FVCC is integral in helping Logan Health meet existing and future workforce needs.

Logan Health and FVCC have a long history of collaboration and coordination. As the primary health care provider in Northwest Montana, Logan Health constantly struggles with filling licensed healthcare positions. FVCC provides education and training to meet healthcare workforce needs at our facilities in Kalispell, Eureka, Whitefish, Polson, Columbia Falls, Bigfork, Cut Bank, Conrad, Shelby, and Chester.

FVCC has continued to develop programs when needs are identified. These programs provide opportunities for individuals to quickly be prepared for available family wage positions. As Logan Health's needs have grown, FVCC has expanded existing programs and developed new programs in collaboration with Logan Health. There are many areas in which there are employee shortages, or travelers were hired to provide necessary care. In large part, thanks to FVCC's responsiveness, there is a growing pool of local individuals who are prepared to fill vacancies in areas such as nursing, certified medical assistant, medical lab technologist, and radiology technician. FVCC has also educated and trained individuals who have moved into positions at Logan Health in the areas of information technology, accounting, and other areas.

Logan Health asks you to continue to support FVCC. Their ability to collaborate and partner with Logan Health is instrumental in the success and health of our community.

Sincerely,

Kevin Abel

CEO, Logan Health