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Members of the Assembly Budget Committee,

We are contacting you to express our support for Assembly member Mathis' proposal to provide \$22 million in funding for Tulare Regional Medical Center (TRMC).

TRMC and its clinics have been closed for over 6 months and people must now travel between 15-30 minutes further to receive emergency medical care. **The difference in travel time can be the difference between life and death.** As one of only three hospitals serving the approximately 460,000 residents of Tulare County, TRMC filled a critical need, and now, the remaining two hospitals are overwhelmed with the increased demand for service.

TRMC was doomed by the mismanagement and greed of a select few. That wrongdoing has since been righted by us, the voters, yet we are still held to account for their errors by being denied adequate healthcare.

I support our current hospital board and the path they are taking toward re-opening this hospital. Please help us re-open our hospital as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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