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Mr. Aram Manoukian, CEO Tri-State Community Healthcare Center 2311 S. Casino Dr., Ste. A3 Laughlin, NV 89029

Dear Mr. Manoukian,

Please accept this letter of support to express our enthusiastic support for Tri-State Community Healthcare Center and its unwavering commitment to providing quality, compassionate, and patientcentered care to the communities it serves. In an era where access to healthcare is often contingent upon financial means, Tri-State's mission to offer care regardless of the ability to pay is both commendable and necessary.

Tri-State's comprehensive range of services, including primary care, pediatrics, dental care, behavioral health, and telehealth services reflects a deep understanding of the diverse healthcare needs of our shared community. By offering these essential services under one roof, Tri-State ensures individuals and families receive holistic care that addresses both their immediate and long-term health concerns.

The impact of Tri-State Community Healthcare Center extends beyond the individual level to the broader community. By improving the health and well-being of its patients, Tri-State contributes to the overall vitality and resilience of the communities it serves. Healthy individuals are better equipped to contribute to their families, workplaces, and society, creating a positive ripple effect that enhances community well-being.

On November 5, 2022, the City of Needles presented a proclamation congratulating Tri-State Community Healthcare on receiving the 25th Annual Community Achievement / Business Expansion and Retention Award and recognizing their commitment and dedication to the betterment of the Needles community. Since then, Tri-State's expansion and continued involvement and contribution to the residents of Needles, including the distribution of free school supplies, dental supplies, and food, have had a significant positive impact on both our individual residents and our community as a whole.

Tri-State Community Healthcare Center embodies the ideal of healthcare as a fundamental human right. Its mission-driven approach to providing accessible, quality care is an invaluable asset to the community. I wholeheartedly support Tri-State's ongoing efforts and am confident that with continued support, it will continue to make a profound difference in the lives of many.

The City of Needles strongly supports Tri-State in its New Access Point application to expand primary care, behavioral health, and substance use disorder services throughout their service area and increasing homeless services at all their locations. We look forward to continuing and expanding our existing partnership with Tri-State to achieve a coordinated and effective health care system for the most vulnerable residents in our shared community.

Sincerely,

Mayor Janet Jernigan City of Needles