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Good morning.

Please see attached letter of support and distribute to Orange County Supervisors.

Thanks

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Orange County Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Ana, CA 92701

Honorable Members of the Board,

On behalf of the 40,000 registered nurses and healthcare professionals at United Nurses Association of California–Union of Health Care Professionals (UNAC/UHCP), I write to urge you to **vote yes** on the *Patient Hospital Access and Quality Ordinance*. This ordinance will ensure that all acute care hospitals in Orange County are included in the CalOptima network.

Orange County's most vulnerable residents deserve access to emergency and inpatient care at any hospital where they seek treatment. Excluding any hospital from the CalOptima network—especially those providing emergency and post-stabilization care—restricts access for patients who can least afford such barriers.

A recent state study found that when hospitals cannot continue caring for Medi-Cal patients after an emergency, those patients face painful and unnecessary transfer delays that disrupt continuity of care and can worsen health outcomes. These delays also drive-up costs for the county and diminish the overall quality of care.

Moreover, excluding hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of Medi-Cal patients threatens the financial stability of those institutions. Continued financial losses could lead to reduced services or even hospital closures—endangering both patient care and thousands of good union jobs in our community.

For all these reasons, we strongly urge you to approve this critical ordinance. Please act to ensure that every Orange County resident, especially our most vulnerable, has access to all hospitals in the county, while protecting the stability of these facilities and the quality healthcare jobs they provide for generations to come.

Sincerely,

**Charmaine S. Morales**

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