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City of Flagstaff Mayor & Council
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Mayor Deasy and Members of the Flagstaff City Council:

On behalf of the Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) and our nearly 4,000 member physicians, residents, and medical students, I write to you in support of Northern Arizona Healthcare's plan to construct a new hospital and ambulatory care center to replace Flagstaff Medical Center.

ArMA promotes leadership in the art and science of medicine and advocates for economically sustainable medical practices, the freedom to deliver care in the best interests of patients, and health for all Arizonans. Our organization has been the strongest voice for medicine in Arizona for the last 130 years and we are proud of our patient-centered approach to advocacy and our passion for advancing access to quality health care.

FMC has served Flagstaff and northern Arizona well for more than 50 years, but to meet the future needs of the community, it is time to build a new facility that can house the medical innovations and technological advances we know are on the horizon.

NAH is wise to plan for the future with its proposed Health and Wellness Village, which will be anchored by a new hospital with a Level 1 trauma center. This complex will ensure patients and clinicians have access to a state-of-the-art facility that integrates under one roof the medical, surgical, emergency, ambulatory and other healthcare services northern Arizona deserves.

The planned location near Fort Tuthill is easily accessible via I-17 and I-40, making this campus convenient to patients across Flagstaff and throughout the region, including tribal communities.

The future Health and Wellness Village will meet the demands of modern healthcare and surpass industry benchmarks. Planned enhancements include:

- Private, suite-style patient rooms
- An expanded emergency department with faster service
- Expanded clinical, therapy and rehabilitation services, along with outpatient imaging
- Increased bed count that centralizes patient treatment
- Optimal nurse-to-patient ratios to ensure a quality patient experience

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Taken together, this means better support for NAH physicians and better health outcomes for patients.

On behalf of the Arizona Medical Association, I respectfully ask that you support the NAH Health and Wellness Village.

Sincerely,

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