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Mr. Robert P. McDivitt, Network Director
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RE: Letter of Support to Build a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in the Vicinity of Ames, Iowa

Dear Mr. McDivitt,

We are excited to offer this letter in support of the placement of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in or near Ames, Iowa. Modernizing and realigning outpatient facilities in the market by establishing a new CBOC in the vicinity of Ames will expand access to primary care and outpatient mental health services in a very centrally located city in Story County. In fact, Story County is one of the central most counties in Iowa, and Ames is the largest city in the county. Moreover, Ames offers many amenities commonly found in larger metro areas.

During FY19, Story County had 1,761 enrollees in the VA Health Care System. At that time there were 3,442 Veterans who were projected enrollees within 30 minutes of the proposed site. Story County's close proximity to Boone, Hardin, and Hamilton counties would not only enable Veterans to be served at a CBOC in Story County, but also make service available to Veterans in our surrounding counties.

The Story County Board of Supervisors fully supports a CBOC to be built in the vicinity of Ames located in Story County, Iowa.

Sincerely,

Latifah Faisal, Chair
Story County Board of Supervisors
Story County, Iowa