

STATE of TEXAS
HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES



REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT SANFORD

DISTRICT 70 – COLLIN COUNTY

Collin County Commissioners Court

Honorable Judge Keith Self and Honorable Collin County Commissioners

2300 Bloomdale Road #2302

McKinney, TX 75071

Dear Judge Self and Collin County Commissioners,

August, 2018

Independent Bank has secured a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that opened up in a temporary location in McKinney earlier this year. FQHC's are considered to be a measure of excellence in primary care infrastructure. They provide comprehensive primary health, oral, and mental health/substance abuse services to persons in all stages of the life cycle. In return for providing primary care to underserved, homeless, and poverty stricken populations, these centers are reimbursed at a higher rate than other providers by public programs such as Medicaid and Medicare.

To fund the permanent facility, a unique private/public partnership has been created with financial support from private industry, individual families and local government. I understand the county has been asked to participate financially.

This proposal has a chance to make a lasting impact on our community. To be a force multiplier for good in the lives of those who live and work across the county. A FQHC has the potential to impact not only the health care delivery that people need, it has the chance to reduce child absenteeism in schools, to improve worker productivity at local businesses and become a centralized place for people to get the services they need to lead healthy and productive lives. The most powerful feature of the FQHC's capacity to change lives is its self-sustaining nature. By the end of the second year it will be self-sustaining and is projected to treat approximately 21,000 unduplicated patients annually. That impact alone is reason to invest.

But it does more than that. The clinic's economic impact totals, according to IMPLAN numbers, would make a first year impact of \$3.6 million as they provide primary care to people who don't have ready access to it. The clinic will also be the center for graduate medical education in the north Texas Area, and it will help our hospitals deliver better emergency care. Furthermore, once this first FQHC is self-sustaining, there will be opportunities to meet similar needs in other areas of Collin County. It is an amazing opportunity, but one that will take all of us pitching in together to make it a reality. I support this project for the betterment of our community and encourage the county to approve the financial request.

For God and Texas,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Sanford".

Scott Sanford