

Burnet County Judge

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**Subject: Letter of Support for Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area (WSRCA) Rural Training Lab
Focused on Healthcare Careers**

Dear Mr. Fletcher

As County Judge of Burnet County, I am writing to express my strong support for the WSRCA's grant for a Rural Training Lab focused on healthcare careers.

Burnet County faces a significant shortage of healthcare professionals, a challenge common to many rural areas. This shortage impacts access to quality care for our residents and hinders the growth of our local healthcare sector. We face unique workforce challenges in this area, including difficulty recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals, lack of training programs for in-demand healthcare roles, and aging healthcare workforce. The Rural Training Lab, developed in partnership with Burnet County, directly addresses these challenges.

The collaborative approach taken by WSRCA is commendable. Their partnership with Burnet County ensures that the training programs developed will be tailored to the specific needs of our healthcare sector and will be provided in timely manner, the program will run from April 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026. The turnkey nature of the Rural Training Lab model offers a practical and efficient solution for providing residents with the skills they need to enter or advance within healthcare careers.

We believe that this Rural Healthcare Training Lab will be instrumental in addressing our critical healthcare workforce shortage, improving access to care for our residents, and strengthening our local healthcare economy. We are committed to supporting this initiative and look forward to the positive impact it will have on our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.

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