

January 21, 2014

Ms. Tamera Leighton, Director
Del Norte Local Transportation Commission
1301 B Northcrest Drive, #16
Crescent City, CA 95531

Re: Last Chance Grade

Dear Ms. Leighton,

This letter will serve to advise you of the Sutter Coast Hospital Board of Directors' support for an alternative route to the existing Last Chance Grade. We feel that it is a vital link to health care for this community and a major slide, which is inevitable, would be catastrophic to citizens of Del Norte County.

We strongly support an alternative route to the existing highway. This community cannot afford to lose this important route for trauma patients and to higher levels of care such as dialysis and chemotherapy that are not available at Sutter Coast Hospital, and are provided in Humboldt County. We support building an alternative route before the present one collapses entirely.

Sincerely,



Ken Hall
Sutter Coast Hospital Board Chair