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Dear Task Force,

I am reaching out on behalf of the pediatricians at the Pocatello Children's Clinic. Our group of 11 physicians are an independent physician office that manages over 18,000 active patients and Medicaid consists of more than half of our business. I understand that there has been much discussion in the last legislative session regarding the Medicaid budget. Our group is deeply involved with the Department of Medicaid's programs, including the PCCM (Primary Care Case Management) and the VCO (Value Care Organization) programs and have heard of the growing concerns about the Medicaid budget year over year.

Our group is deeply opposed to contracting out our state's Medicaid services to a managed care concept. We have been part of the VCO project from the beginning and know that the VCO financial method will be a better choice both for the state budget and for the health of Medicaid members. We are a unique group as we are directly caring for Medicaid members and are one of the eleven VCOs within the Department of Health & Welfare. We are willing to be partners in this process and would be happy to visit with the task force and/or its members. If that would be of interest to you, I would be happy to set up a date and time at your convenience.

Thank you for your service to our state and we look forward to working with you for our state,

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