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Dear Community Taxpayer,

I would like to thank you for your time and attention to these monthly communications about your local health care. Our goal is to offer you information that is useful, factual and directly from the source.

One of my main priorities since joining Tahoe Forest Health System last December is to demonstrate openness and transparency. It is so important because we sometimes hear statements made in our community that may not be fully accurate. This is especially true during an election season, when it can be challenging to separate fact from fiction.

Our Health System is a unique public/private partnership model, with approximately 7.6% of our operating income coming from public tax sources—property taxes and general obligation bonds. We believe it is an honor and privilege to serve this community. Our goal is to provide you and your family with high quality, sustainable health care with the smallest tax burden possible.

Unfortunately, there are not multiple paths to sustainability for small rural hospitals like ours. Mandates from state and federal sources continually impact our daily operations in big and small ways, often with many layers of detail.

To help you keep up on these issues, we have created a place on our website, [www.tfhd.com/ceo](http://www.tfhd.com/ceo), where you can read my monthly report to the District Board of Directors. You will also find informative links to our videotaped board meetings, board agendas, minutes and more. In late August, we will host the first "*Fact & Fiction, Health Care 101*" to take a deeper dive into these important topics. I hope you can join us. Please see [www.tfhd.com](http://www.tfhd.com) or our Facebook page for times and location.

We have also started a local TV show called "Mountain Health Today," focused on health care issues that affect all of us. You'll find a link to view these shows on [www.tfhd.com](http://www.tfhd.com), and they are regularly shown on TTCTV's Channel 6. Watch for more editions of this informative new programming coming this fall and winter.

If you ever have a question or concern about Tahoe Forest Health System, please send us an email at [information@tfhd.com](mailto:information@tfhd.com). We will make sure your question is answered accurately, by a member of our team with knowledge and experience about your issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Weis".

Harry Weis  
Chief Executive Officer