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To Whom It May Concern:

The leaders of the Coulee Council on Addictions met recently with the La Crosse Tribune editorial board, and I'm very impressed with plans for the new Coulee Recovery Center.

The new facility will serve so many more people in our community who are in need of help – which is crucial at a time when our headlines are highlighting the growing crisis of opioid addiction.

In addition to serving more people and community groups, the new building also will be much more accessible to clients.

And, as the Tribune plans to write in an upcoming endorsement editorial, the council has been an excellent neighbor in our community for nearly 50 years. It is a place of recovery, not an inpatient of residential service.

This is a project worthy of endorsement because it will help more people while continuing to serve as a good neighbor and community member.

Regards,

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