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AOCMHP TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2825

February 20, 2015

Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Health Care Committee,

The Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP) supports HB 2825, to continue infrastructure development for supported housing, residential care and community-based supports, crisis intervention services and rental subsidies. Housing is a key factor in preventing individuals with mental illness from entering institutional care or incarceration. Housing is also a central component of the State of Oregon's agreement with the USDOJ to comply with the integration mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Olmstead.

We look forward to continue our partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Oregon Residential Providers Association, and the Division of Addictions and Mental Health to increase the housing opportunities for people with mental illness.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2825.

Sincerely,

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