

I write to you today on behalf of the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance in support of HB 5529, and the recommended budget for the Oregon Department of Human Services for the 2021-2023 biennium. Specifically, the DVSA Co-located Advocate Program budget, the Temporary Assistance to Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS) budget, and the Survivor Investment Partnership (SIP) budget are of critical importance to our communities.

As a rural community, our clients are dependent on the services we provide and the safety net of support we pull together on their behalf. These funds are essential to address immediate needs for survivors and their children who have few options and many needs.

I urge your support of this critical and essential funding. Thank you!