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On Behalf Of:
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I wholeheartedly, as a City Councilor and resident of Independence, Oregon, a city in rural Polk County, support HB 4123.

Rural homelessness, like here in Polk County, poses challenges very different from those in urban environments. Because our rural communities are widespread, we struggle to truly “see” and effectively support our homeless/houseless residents. It’s a challenge every day to service county residents because our communities are miles apart and not served fully by public transportation.

These funds would go a long way toward refocusing how services have traditionally been provided here – in one central location dictated solely because of where the county government seat is.

To address rural homelessness more effectively, we need to adopt a more flexible approach – services need to be where the people are who need them. These grant funds would jump start this effort.

Thank you,
Shannon Corr
Independence City Councilor