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Co-Chair Steiner and Co-Chair Sanchez, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means;

Co-Chair Sollman and Co-Chair Evans and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety:

Re: Yes, on HB 3018 for funding in DOJ Budget to assist survivors of domestic and sexual with housing needs.

Survivor Housing Funds have been a crucial component of Canyon Crisis and Resource Center (CCRC) efforts to assist survivors of domestic and sexual violence in their journey towards stable permanent housing. CCR has provided emergency shelter for survivors of domestic and sexual violence for over 38 years. Survivors often have multiple episodes of homelessness due the violence, safety issues, and/or isolation caused by the abuser. They often have few or no resources available when fleeing. CCRC provides a range of supportive services to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and human trafficking in Marion and Linn Counties maintain and access stable permanent housing. Survivor Housing Funds awarded to CCRC go to survivors with little or no-income to address barriers in accessing housing. This may include moving assistance, application fees, security deposits, and other non-rent move-in costs. These critical and flexible funds help survivors begin this new stage in their lives on solid footing. 100% of survivors assisted in the last six months have maintained their safe housing at both 3 and 6 months of being housed and report feeling better off and more hopeful about the future. Below are a few examples of how these crucial funds positively impact survivors.

Through our survivor programs and services for all ages, CCRC supported survivors with help in securing housing and helping with rental assistance. Because of COVID and the Wild Fires of 2020 many survivors moved back in with her abusive partner or anywhere they could be rather than out on the streets. Survivor Housing Funds allowed us to make deposits, direct payment for rent, utilities and many more agencies to keep them in their homes, negotiating with lands lords to help with getting survivors approved for the safe and stable housing.

CCRC assisted a survivor and her Five children who had fled her home where she had lived with her abuser with no income and no savings. She had been working but did not have the money for an apartment and all other associated startup cost . The cost of the deposit far exceeded the OR DHS Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors Grant (DV Grant) and needed assistance to secure housing. Without the Survivor Housing Funds to make up the difference, she would not have been able to access new safe and stable housing for her family.

On behalf of the CCRC rural communities and the survivors whose lives are better because of Survivor Housing Funds, we thank you and urge you to continue to support this critical resource!

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