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Senator Aaron Woods

900 Court St. Ne.

Salem, OR 97301

Representative David Gomberg

900 Court St. Ne.

Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Woods and Representative Gomberg,

I'm writing this letter to request your support for HB 5019, which contains the funding package for the Governor's Executive Order regarding the homelessness and housing emergency.

As you are aware, Salem is Oregon's second largest city and the state capital. Our community has been significantly impacted by the housing shortage and other factors that have caused the number of individuals experiencing homelessness to dramatically increase.

House Bill 5019 will appropriate \$130 million for immediate use throughout the state. The Marion-Polk region may receive between \$12-14 million for new shelter beds, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention work. This funding support is critically important to meet the need in Salem.

I appreciate your consideration of this letter and this important project that will benefit the state of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Chris Hoy, Mayor

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