



DEVELOPING THRIVING COMMUNITIES

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Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for SB 1076

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden and Members of the Committee:

My name is Karen Saxe and I work for DevNW, an affordable housing development and counseling agency serving Lane, Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Marion, Polk and Clackamas Counties.

We support SB 1076, to ensure that hospitals work with the patient and supportive service providers to discharge all patients safely, regardless of housing status.

DevNW provides financial, rental and pre-purchase education and counseling, paired with financial resources, throughout our seven counties. Additionally, we provide scattered-site housing through rental assistance and supportive services for transition-aged youth and young parents experiencing houselessness in Lane and Clackamas Counties. We see firsthand how critically important it is that all systems work together to support the whole person, particularly when working with our most vulnerable community members.

We support the goals of SB 1076, to establish coordination and resource support for people experiencing houselessness discharged from hospital care. We know that every Oregonian deserves a safe, stable and affordable place to call home and believe this increased coordination is a critical step in the right direction. Thank you for all of your work on behalf of our communities and we urge your support of SB 1076.

Sincerely,

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