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Good morning, Co-Chair Steiner, Co-Chair Sanchez, and Members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Paul Lumley. I'm a Citizen of the Yakama Nation and Chief Executive Officer of the Native American Youth & Family Center, or NAYA, located here in Portland, Oregon.

The NAYA Family Center was founded by the community and for the community. We provide culturally specific wrap-around services that lift a community out of poverty with opportunities for success

In 2021, the Oregon State Legislature allocated \$1.25M from the American Rescue Plan Act to NAYA for capital improvements on our 10-acre campus. These ARPA funds were used to address numerous structural and safety issues. While deeply appreciated, we are not able to accomplish our proposed projects due to the following unexpected obstacles:

- There were substantial increases in costs due to supply chain issues and significant increases in inflation.
- There was an unexpected requirement of prevailing wage.
- We also discovered more asbestos in our flooring than previously surveyed.

Our proposal today includes the remaining projects that our ARPA grant could not fund. NAYA requests \$1.15m to address urgent safety and security issues.

- Mason repair. This is needed for the structural load bearing columns in the main 2-story building.
- New windows. There are no windows in the College and Career Center, and the Early Learning Center. We need fresh air circulation to address COVID safety measures.
- PA, or Public Address, system. We currently do not have a way to communicate with the entire campus in case of an emergency, such as lockdown or fire.
- A new elevator. We have no elevator for our 2-story main building. Currently, people with accessibility needs cannot use the stairs. Our only alternative is a walking path that is not ADA compliant and is dangerous in inclement weather.
- Exterior door replacement. We have had 3 break-ins and 2 were due to old doors not closing correctly with outdated locks.
- Complete the new main building public entrance to address safety and security issues for our Many Nations Academy high school students, our staff, and the community.

It is our understanding the Representative Travis Nelson will be making a request of Ways and Means for our proposal.

In conclusion, we seek to ensure our service delivery at a structurally sound, safe, and accessible campus. Thank you.