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On Behalf Of: HB5030

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On behalf of the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC), I am writing in support of HB 5030 for the Family Peace Center of Washington County. The Family Peace Center is a community collaborative of agencies that are working together to create an innovative single center for the intervention, prevention, and healing of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

Funding from the FY23-25 Lottery Bond bill will support the renovation of the new facility that will house many different partners to achieve this goal the Family Peace Center is requesting a \$6 million bond allocation.

In 2018, Washington County founded the Family Justice Center (FJC) – a co-located multi-disciplinary initiative to provide a single location for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Since opening, the need for our services has grown, and we have been adding new partners and services. In 2020, the need for comprehensive child abuse response and prevention in Washington County became apparent, so the FJC launched an initiative to expand the current Family Justice Center into the Family Peace Center, incorporating CARES Northwest, and creating a comprehensive continuum of services for children.

Since 2020 the FJC has been working hard to realize this vision. In 2021, the Legislature recognized our work and allocated \$6.25 million in Lottery Bonds and \$400,000 in ARPA funds for the pre-work and purchase of a facility.

I am requesting your support again - \$6 million in Lottery Bonds - to renovate and establish a state-of-the art facility where survivors of all ages can receive the comprehensive care they deserve. This model of collaboration and coordination of services across a broad spectrum of disciplines is the research-based best practice for truly breaking and ending the cycles of violence in our communities. The Family Peace Center of Washington County will be the first of its kind in Oregon.

As one of the founding partners of the Family Justice Center, DVRC is excited to continue this partnership with the Family Peace Center. Providing a second allocation of Lottery Bond Revenues in the 2023-2025 biennium will ensure that the Family Peace Center can complete the project to achieve the collaborative vision.

I ask you to please support \$6 million in Lottery Bond funding to support the renovation of the new facility that will become the Family Peace Center. It will not

only promote the health and safety of today's children and families, but the well-being of Washington County for future generations.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of my Request.

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