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February 16, 2024

State of Oregon Legislature
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
Salem OR 97301

RE: Letter of Support, SB-1570

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I wanted to reach out and personally request your support of Senate Bill 1570 for the Cross-sector Social Services and Resource Center. Our sixteen community partners are very excited about this opportunity and appreciate your support.

The Family YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties, StoreIT and Mountain West Investment Corporation are working to develop a centralized social service and resource center that includes affordable housing and workforce development in downtown Salem. This social service and resource center will address the priority needs for the greater community around stability, health, and well-being. Sixteen strategic social- and health-based organizations have committed to supporting this location through both direct and indirect prevention and asset building services. The proposed location is the former Statesman Journal building adjacent to the city-centered transit station. This setting will bring a broad range of supports and services within easy reach for the community's children, youth, adults, and families along with wraparound supports for residents who reside in affordable housing units across Marion and Polk Counties.

This opportunity and approach address the social determinants of health for the greater community and will improve both short- and long-term outcomes at a lower cost. The integrated service delivery model budgeted at \$6.28 million will support established affordable housing across the community. The current project is also slated to have 74 units of affordable housing on the north end of the resource center, but is not dependent on it in case the housing portion is delayed or canceled.

I request your support in passing Senate Bill 1570. Please contact me at tsinatra@theYonline.org or 503-991-2472 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Tim Sinatra
YMCA Chief Executive Officer

Andrew Holbert
Executive Director
Courtney Place Veterans Housing
220 Cottage St NE
Salem, OR 97301



February 16, 2024

Subject: Support for Senate Bill 1570

I am writing to you on behalf of Courtney Place Veterans Housing, a 34-unit affordable apartment complex for Veterans that provides wrap-around services for Veteran residents as well as Veterans in our community. As we strive to enhance the lives of those who have served our country, we believe that supporting legislation to fund an integrated and coordinated resource center in conjunction with the Family YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties is crucial for the well-being and success of our Veterans.

However, we recognize that the existing services can be further strengthened through the establishment of an integrated resource center. The collaboration with the 16+ partners is an excellent opportunity to create a centralized hub that not only expands our current offerings but also leverages the diverse resources available within the community. The YMCA's commitment to stability, health, and wellness aligns seamlessly with our goal of promoting holistic well-being for our Veterans.

Legislation to fund the integrated resource center is paramount in achieving this vision. By consolidating services and resources, we can streamline assistance for Veterans, ensuring they have easy access to housing support, employment opportunities, mental health services, and recreational activities. This coordinated approach will empower Veterans both at Courtney Place, and in the community, to overcome challenges more effectively and enhance their overall quality of life.

We kindly urge you to support and advocate for the proposed legislation to allocate funding for the integrated resource center. Your commitment to the well-being of our Veterans will not only strengthen our community but also honor the sacrifices made by those who have served our country.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the positive impact that this legislation can have on the lives of our Veterans.

Sincerely,

Andrew Holbert

Andrew Holbert
Executive Director
Courtney Place Veterans Housing

Alvin Klausen

AJ Klausen
Board President
Y Veterans Housing Board



February 16, 2024

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means:

On behalf of the Willamette Health Council, I am writing to express our organization's support for Senate Bill 1570.

The Willamette Health Council serves as the community governance body for the Marion-Polk Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) run by PacificSource. Through our partnership with PacificSource, we are charged with carrying out much of the community-facing work for the Marion-Polk CCO. This includes convening local Oregon Health Plan (OHP) consumers, healthcare providers, community-based organizations, CCO representatives and other stakeholders to advance health system transformation, community health, and health equity. Through our community engagement, we hear time and time again the need for a centralized resource center where people can go to access the health and social care services, and navigation support they need.

Last year, our System of Care conducted a local survey that found across 250 respondents—parents, youth, service providers, and culturally-specific community-based organizations—the desire to have a local, trusted, low-barrier place in the community that people could access to get their basic needs met. The shared infrastructure that Senate Bill 1570 supports will create that place.

We also see great potential for this resource center to support the rollout of the new Health-Related Social Needs Benefits for OHP members in our community. Imagine a place OHP members could go to meet in person with a PacificSource Member Support Specialist who could explain their benefits, and then help connect them to an OHP-covered health-related social needs provider, all under the same roof.

This resource center will be a place of service coordination and integration, fostering belonging and contributing to a healthier, more resilient community. It is for these reasons that the Willamette Health Council respectfully requests that you support Senate Bill 1570.

Sincerely,

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Justin Hopkins
Executive Director
Willamette Health Council



Senate Committee on Human Services

My name is Vanessa Nordyke and I am writing in my capacity as Executive Director of CASA of Marion County. I am pleased to write a letter in support of Senate Bill 1570.

About CASA of Marion County

CASA of Marion County recruits, trains, and supervises Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to provide a voice for every foster child. These children are survivors of abuse and neglect. Abuse knows no race, ethnicity, or culture. We are working to make sure all children in foster care have a caring adult they connect with, who “sees them,” and who will be there for them during their darkest hours. Our efforts help prevent child abuse, addiction, trauma, joblessness, school drop-outs, and homelessness.

At CASA, we know that systemic inequities result in the disproportionate placement of Black and Indigenous youth into foster care. In response, we have doubled the number of volunteers of color and more than tripled the number of Spanish-speaking volunteers since January 2023. We are developing Oregon’s first Spanish-language version of the CASA 30-hour volunteer training program, and intend to share it with CASA programs statewide. We provide trauma-informed, culturally-specific advocacy. Less than 50% of all Oregon foster youth graduate from high school. CASA is developing a resource guide to match foster teens with tutors, mentors, and educational tools to help them graduate on time.

Why CASA Supports SB 1570

To connect youth with community-based services, we need a community-centered space. CASA identifies the culturally-specific services each child needs to thrive. This building in the heart of downtown Salem would offer convenient access to our community partners, speeding up the time it takes to connect youth with behavioral, educational, medical, and social supports. We need a location where CASA can collaborate with providers dedicated to serving at-risk youth and families. Collaboration ensures child safety and reduces the risk of foster care re-entry.

CASA is recruiting diverse staff and volunteers. A centrally-located space in the heart of Marion County will help us recruit, train and oversee over 90 volunteers and seven full-time staff. We want to breakdown information siloes and economize resources with our partners. We want all Court Appointed Special Advocates to have a conveniently located, in-person meeting space to receive mandatory training, assistance preparing court documents, and places to learn about services available for our kids. SB 1570 would be a game-changer for at-risk youth and families across Marion County. In conclusion, CASA of Marion County urges your support of SB 1570.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Nordyke
Vanessa Nordyke, JD

Executive Director, CASA of Marion County



Family Building Blocks

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND FAMILIES TOGETHER



February 7, 2024

To: Senate Committee on Human Services
From: Patrice Altenhofen, Executive Director, Family Building Blocks
Re: SB 1570



Family Building Blocks is writing in support of SB 1570. The main goal of our community-based model is to address the Social Determinants of Health at the local level by focusing on stability, health, and well-being. The progression of these building blocks is key for addressing Oregon's top priorities around mental health, addiction, homelessness, and unemployment.

The proposed centralized service model will integrate a comprehensive network of strategic community partners, amplifying community assets and reducing barriers to support, while simultaneously supporting residents in affordable housing units.

With over 15 strength-based partners, this project addresses intervention, prevention and asset building, reducing the negative impact on individuals and families. By bringing a broad range of person and family-centered supports within easy reach, this model prevents minor social circumstances from spiraling out of control, ultimately reducing social service costs.



BENEFITS TO A SHARED INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Reduced overhead costs that can be reinvested into individuals served.
- Reduced transportation barriers for individuals with multiple needs.
- Accelerated social outcomes through mobilizing already existing resources.
- Strengthened relationships with staff across multiple organizations.
- Provide wrap around supports for affordable housing across the community.

Families served by Family Building Blocks face multiple toxic stressors, such as poverty, incarceration, domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and mental illness. Providing vulnerable families dignified access to resources in a safe space is vital to breaking negative cycles poverty so often creates.



For these reasons, we encourage you to pass SB 1570. Thank you for your consideration.



February 15, 2024

Joint Committee on Ways and Means
State of Oregon Legislature
Attn: Co-Chairs Sanchez and Steiner

RE: Letter of Support, SB-1570

Dear Senators and Committee,

I don't write boilerplate support letters. And I only write letters when the endorsed legislation is something special. This is most definitely the case with SB-1570 and the Integrated Service Delivery Model that it would support.

Salem Leadership Foundation (SLF) is proud to be a founding partner in the idea of a centralized hub of services, housing and child care. Right next door to the new YMCA, to boot. Thanks to the leadership of the Y and generative discussions being conducted by key stakeholder organizations, this idea has been honed and documented for launch.

Downtown Salem lacks the breadth and depth of not just services – but healthy relationships – that this integrated center-of-living will provide. It is consistent with the Governor's mandate for more housing, and the State's desire to see high-quality, high-outcome service delivery.

Economies of scale. Transportation proximity. Braided services. Complementary, not competitive, programs. Heightened collaboration and efficiencies. Bang for the buck.

Thank you for considering my endorsement. If you have any questions or need additional information, my contact info is below. Thank you for serving in leadership and servanthood.

Sincerely,

Sam Skillern
SLF Executive Director
www.SalemLF.org – Sam@salemLF.org

What's Your Neighborhood?



COMMUNITY
RESOURCE TRUST

February 13, 2024

Senator Elizabeth Steiner, Co-Chair
Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways & Means
900 Court Street NE, Salem OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Community Resource Trust, I fully support Senator Patterson's request for \$6.28 million, to renovate the Statesman's Journal building into a nonprofit resource hub in the heart of downtown Salem. We firmly believe that the Integrated Service Delivery Model amplifies community assets and reduces barriers to support, while simultaneously supporting residents in affordable housing.

It also leverages our nonprofits' ability to serve our community through:

- Reduced overhead costs that can be reinvested into individuals served.
- Reduced transportation barriers for individuals with multiple needs.
- Accelerated social outcomes through mobilizing already existing resources.
- Strengthened relationships with staff across multiple organizations.
- Provide wrap around services for affordable housing across the community.

The Integrated Service Delivery model is the pathway to impactful, coordinated, and accessible resource delivery in the nonprofit world, and this project is at the forefront. We wholeheartedly recommend that the State of Oregon invest in this innovative and truly transformative project. This investment will demonstrate your commitment to improve and empower the lives of our community.

Sincerely,

Beth Hays, CEO
Community Resource Trust

Community Resource Trust
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February 15, 2024

The Honorable Elizabeth Steiner
900 Court St. NE, S-213
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Steiner:

I am the CEO of Neighborly Ventures, a Salem-based corporation that specializes in the construction, development, and management of multi-family housing. I am writing to request your support for Senate Bill 1570.

Neighborly Ventures manages 471 affordable housing units in the Salem area. Every day we see first-hand the importance of connecting low-income individuals with community resources. These resources are vital in providing them with stability, health, and the assistance necessary for them to thrive in the community. Consequently, we have a vested interest in ensuring that the residents of our properties have access to high quality community resources and support.

I believe that the shared infrastructure and coordination of local resources made possible by Senate Bill 1570 will significantly decrease barriers to assistance currently faced by the residents of Marion and Polk Counties. The proximity of the proposed resource center to the main transit hub, coupled with the housing of multiple organizations in one location, will provide individuals with limited access to transportation greater ease of access to the resources that they need. We believe that the funding provided by this bill will have a substantial impact on affordable housing residents, and on the community as a whole.

I strongly urge you to give your support to SB 1570 so that the residents of Marion and Polk Counties can have increased access to the resources they need. Thank you for your time and careful consideration on this topic.

Sincerely,

Brian Moore
CEO/Owner



StoreIT
500 SW 116th Ave
Suite #125
Beaverton, Oregon 97225

Dear Senate Committee on Human Services

StoreIT is partnering with the YMCA of Marion and Polk counties to support Senate Bill 1570, which aims to establish a new resource center. The center will be located at 280 Church Street NE in Salem, Oregon, just across from the Downtown Salem transit center, providing daily access to 21 routes. Once approved, the bill will provide funding for the center, which will serve as a one-stop shop for essential community services. The center's goal is to address challenges such as mental health, addiction, homelessness, and unemployment in the local community. The center hopes to create sustainable impacts across Marion and Polk Counties by tackling these issues.






Wayde Elliott, the owner of StoreIT, is deeply ingrained in the Portland metro area, having spent his entire life there. He pursued higher education at Portland State University and OHSU, culminating in attaining his dental degree in 1995. Venturing into dentistry, he founded his practice in 1997, growing it from a team of three employees to ten under his guidance. Upon retiring from dentistry, Wayde transitioned into property development, drawing upon his wealth of experience to embark on a new chapter in his professional journey.



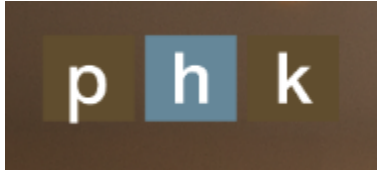

StoreIT's commitment to the community goes beyond providing critical space for centralized services. As a company partnering with the YMCA, we empower individuals and foster economic growth. In addition to offering essential space, we'll create employment opportunities and job shadowing programs to empower individuals. By supporting Senate Bill 1570, policymakers can enable StoreIT's initiatives to contribute to the economic development of our region.

As a constituent deeply invested in the welfare of our community, I urge you to support Senate Bill 1570. Your advocacy for this bill will contribute significantly to the betterment of Marion and Polk Counties, ensuring that essential services reach those who need them most.

Thank you for considering our views on this matter. I sincerely hope to see your support for Senate Bill 1570, and I am available to provide any additional information or assistance you may require.

The following individuals support the bill:

<p>Homer Williams</p> <p>Chairman - Founder Harbor of Hope</p>	<p>HARBOR OF HOPE</p>
<p>Sue Embree</p> <p>Board Member - Oregon Community Foundation</p> <p>Cofounder The Script (formerly Emerging Leaders) thescript.org Former Owner of DHM Research a certified B Corp dhmresearch.com</p>	
<p>Ryan Buchanan</p> <p>Cofounder The Script (formerly Emerging Leaders) thescript.org</p>	
<p>Kevin Bandy</p> <p>CSO / President</p>	
<p>Barry Rabar</p> <p>President Carefree Covered RV Storage</p>	
<p>Annie Orozco</p> <p>President, STRYV LLC WBE, ESB & DBE Certified #13852</p>	
<p>KRICKEN YAKER</p> <p>co-founder principal designer</p>	
<p>Damon Sullivan</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer concrete <i>The power of insight.</i></p>	

<p>Dre Slaman Co-Founder, CEO</p>	
<p>Scott Ericson CEO</p>	
<p>Patrick H. Kessi CEO</p>	
<p>Lexy Garbarino Co-Owner</p>	
<p>Erin Huffard President</p>	