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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Lauren Tuckerbaum. I live in Portland and I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Senate Bill 1530, with the inclusion of funding for furniture bank services. I am a board member of Community Warehouse, a local furniture bank in Portland, and care deeply about the mission of the organization.

Research consistently demonstrates the positive impact of furniture on housing stability.

Furnished homes contribute to the physical and mental well-being of residents, fostering an environment conducive to recovery and growth. Studies indicate that individuals receiving furniture are more likely to maintain stable housing over time. Furniture banks provide an affordable, equitable, and sustainable solution to furniture poverty.

Housing should not be viewed merely as the provision of four walls and a roof, but as the establishment of a home – a space that supports the well-being and dignity of its occupants.

Furniture and household items, as a fundamental element of any home, play a crucial role in this ecosystem. When we fund housing, we must include the means to furnish those homes. We urge you to support the inclusion of furniture bank services as an integral part of Senate Bill 1530.

The incorporation of furniture bank services will address a critical need within our communities, contributing significantly to creating stable, sustainable, and thriving living environments for all Oregonians.

I appreciate the commitment of the Senate to finding and funding holistic solutions to our state's housing challenges and hope that furniture bank services will be included as an integral part of Senate Bill 1530.

Thank you.