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Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Girod, Chair Holvey and Committee Members:

Please accept this letter in support of the Pacific Station project. As the director of Fostering Hope Initiative with Catholic Community Services, I can speak to the need for this project within the community.

I would like to start by stating that the impact of the housing crisis in Oregon has affected a new generation of Oregonians that in the past would be planning to grow their families and invest in Oregon, but instead we are facing a generation of families that are living in survival mode. As part of Fostering Hope Initiative, we work with families that are living paycheck to paycheck and managing the stresses of young parenthood. And additionally, they are now facing the housing crisis that is affecting Oregonians of all ages. Experience has shown us that when families have a safe and affordable housing situation, they thrive and in turn invest in their communities.

The Pacific Station project would provide families with the opportunity for stability and safety. Pacific Station is a 12-unit affordable housing complex with 3-to-4-bedroom units. The larger units would allow large families to apply for this opportunity. This model would also allow for easy access to community and resident services. By providing community and resident services support, we would support families to meet their goals and enjoy good health. Fostering Hope Resident Services have partnered with Salem Health and Center 50+ to host wellness and community events. These events have educated families on the importance of community support and resource navigation. We believe that this model of engagement, which will be used at Pacific Station, will allow us to prevent the stress and hardship that often leads to housing instability.

I encourage your support for the Pacific Station project.

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