

February 15, 2024

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

Dear Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey and Committee Members:

My name is Steve Nass, and I am the CFO of Catholic Community Services, celebrating 86 years of service and serving 5,000 people each year in 10 Oregon counties.

I've been asked to speak briefly on Pacific Station, a 12-unit affordable, supported housing development for low-income families from Marion County with complex needs. The development will provide 12 three- and four-bedroom homes for larger families facing adversity and experiencing housing instability. Marion County Health and Human Services and our own Fostering Hope Initiative will partner to match these new units with families on the Oregon Health Plan who are often at greater risk of homelessness due to the lack of affordable housing with more than two bedrooms and restrictions placed on occupancy. This new, much needed housing will include ADA units, be drug, alcohol, and nicotine free, is located near public transportation and healthcare and will include resident services to address the social determinants of health and help families flourish.

With secured funds from PacificSource and Marion County and a reputable builder already engaged, we are currently in the process of applying for permits, but we need critical gap funding to get us across the finish line. This project is as close to shovel ready as you can get. With your support, by this time next year, 12 vulnerable families will be moving into safe, stable housing with wraparound support at Pacific Station.

Steve Nass
Chief Financial Officer
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