

February 15, 2024

To: The Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction

RE: Parrott Creek's Bright Futures Capital Project for Oregon Kids

I am writing to ask you to invest the final \$8M we need to finish a brand new, 40 bed, 28,000 square foot residential treatment campus for Oregon's most vulnerable kids. This is an exciting, sector-leading project that has already gained accolades and awards, is working with local and national experts in trauma-informed design, and helps answer the myriad of crises affecting thousands of children and teenagers in our state. Our project increases residential drug, alcohol and mental health treatment capacity, will help prevent Child Welfare placements in Temporary Lodging, assists youth to avoid incarceration, and addresses the intersection of these three critical areas of need with youth who end up homeless on our streets.

We have been planning this capital project for over a decade and we are proud to say that we broke ground with a community ceremony in October last year. Located in rural Clackamas County, our treatment campus is within 30 minutes of downtown Portland and serves both Metro and statewide populations.

While I know that it isn't your responsibility to fund every request you receive, we have purposefully incorporated into our project not just how to meet the needs Oregon's youth but also three other key priorities for the State's future: Net Zero environmental sustainability targets; a 30% Women & Minority Owned Business participation, and an indigenous "land back" focus for the stewardship of our 80 acre site. Combating climate change, creating jobs, and honoring the history and heritage of our tribal communities are as much priority needs in creating a healthy future for Oregon as is ensuring every child has the chance to flourish and succeed.

Our Bright Futures project is championed by Senators Meek and Bonham, Representatives Hartman and Diehl, and has bipartisan support as the attached letter clearly demonstrates.

For too long Oregon has treated its most vulnerable children like third class citizens. Our project makes sure they are nurtured, honored and respected as the leaders of tomorrow that they truly are. An \$8M investment today will ensure this vision is made possible ASAP. Oregon's youth cannot wait another day, let alone many more years, to get the services they truly need in appropriate infrastructure.

I look forward to working hand in hand with you to create a brighter future for all of Oregon's children.

Sincerely,



Simon Fulford
Executive Director



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 8, 2024

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

Dear Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez; and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

We are writing to express our support for Parrott Creek's Bright Futures Capital request, a \$25 million capital project creating 40 much-needed new residential treatment beds for Oregon youth. The project broke ground in August 2023 and will open its doors in Winter 2024.

Parrott Creek is developing sector-leading, transformative, and culturally responsive residential treatment capacity, placing their organization at the heart of statewide efforts to meet the dynamic needs of children and families.

Parrott Creek has a 55-year heritage of providing residential care to Oregon's most vulnerable and marginalized children and youth. Their facility is uniquely equipped to be part of the solution to the many problems plaguing our local communities. The success rate of youth participants they serve is 88% (far above the statewide average), 67% complete all their treatment goals, and 93% report making progress in Parrott Creek's programs. Currently, Parrott Creek serves around 100 youth each year in residential treatment. This capital project will double its capacity and expand the types of care Parrott Creek can offer.

Parrott Creek serves kids from all corners of the state. Local and national advocates and major thought leaders (including Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and the University of Oregon's Portland Architecture Program) are partnering with Parrott Creek to re-conceptualize the care, treatment, and physical spaces provided to youth in residential settings. Parrott Creek has a bold vision of what is truly possible when we make the right investments in kids.

The Parrott Creek facility serves our communities, and we are so grateful for the healing they've provided for decades to our kids. We believe their residential campus has the potential to create a new industry standard for youth residential treatment programs, which we hope will be replicated nationwide.

We urge you to approve Parrott Creek's grant request.

Sincerely,

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Representative Ed Diehl

Handwritten signature of Annessa Hartman in black ink.

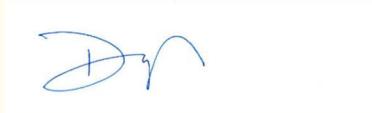
Representative Annessa Hartman

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Representative Rick Lewis

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Handwritten signature of Daniel Nguyen in blue ink.

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Handwritten signature of Jules Walters in black ink.

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Handwritten signature of Hoa Nguyen in black ink.

Representative Hoa Nguyen

Handwritten signature of Daniel Bonham in blue ink.

Senator Daniel Bonham



Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Capitol 900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

May 24, 2023

Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez; Vice-Chairs Girod, Gomberg, and Smith; and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

We are writing to express our support for Parrott Creek's Bright Futures Capital Campaign, a \$23 million capital project creating 40 much-needed new residential treatment beds for Oregon's youth. The project breaks ground in August 2023 and will open its doors in Fall 2024.

Parrott Creek is developing sector-leading, transformative, and culturally responsive residential treatment capacity, placing their organization at the heart of statewide efforts to meet the dynamic needs of children and families. In addition, Parrott Creek is responding to the growth in demand for mental health and drug treatment services and programs that can reverse the disproportionate impact of behavioral health challenges on BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and other disadvantaged communities.

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Currently, Parrott Creek serves around 100 youth a year in residential treatment. This capital project will double its capacity and expand the types of care Parrott Creek can offer. The new campus will double its capacity, creating a positive ripple effect throughout our communities.

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Signed by the following members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly:



Representative Annessa Hartman
House District 40



Representative James Hieb
House District 51



Representative Janelle Bynum
House District 39



Senator Kayse Jama
Senate District 24



Representative Jules Walters
House District 37



Senator Kathleen Taylor
Senate District 21



Representative Hoa Nguyen
House District 48