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

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

As Board Chairman of Parrott Creek, and Board Director of North Clackamas School District, I am reaching out to underscore the **critical importance of your support** for the **Bright Futures Capital Project**, a visionary initiative aimed at transforming the lives of Oregon's most vulnerable children. This 40-bed, 28,000 square foot residential treatment campus is not just a building; it's a beacon of hope for countless children and teenagers across our state grappling with severe challenges.

Our project, already recognized for its innovative approach and design, embodies a comprehensive response to the intertwined crises of substance abuse, mental health, and homelessness among our youth. By enhancing treatment capacities and offering a sustainable alternative to Child Welfare placements and incarceration, we are paving a path towards healing and stability.

The commitment of Parrott Creek extends beyond immediate needs, aligning with Oregon's broader objectives: embracing Net Zero environmental goals, ensuring significant participation by Women & Minority Owned Businesses, and honoring indigenous stewardship principles for our 80-acre site. These elements reflect our dedication to a holistic approach, one that honors our environment, economy, and history.

With *bipartisan backing* from state leaders, including Senators Meek and Bonham and Representatives Hartman and Diehl, the Bright Futures project stands as a testament to what we can achieve together. **Yet, without the State's final \$8M investment, this vision risks remaining unfulfilled.**

I urge you to consider the profound impact your support can have—not just on the infrastructure but on the lives it will transform. Let us together affirm that Oregon's children are indeed a top priority, deserving of every opportunity to succeed.

I am eager to collaborate closely with you in realizing this vital project, ensuring a brighter future for all of Oregon's children.

With warm regards,



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