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On Behalf Of: Parrot Creek Foundation

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

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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

My name is Javier Montalvo. I am a contractor, I live and work in Portland and I am a board member at Parrot Creek. The reason for my testimony is to advocate for the final investment of \$8M that is needed to finish the new facility that is being built to be able to help more boys and young men that desperately need help and support. Parrot Creek has successfully and repeatedly helped and saved neglected youth by giving them the attention and professional help they need. Recently I met a young man that was helped by Parrot Creek about a decade ago. He described experiencing neglect and desperation and dealing with the effects of drugs and alcoholism in his teenage years, until he was able to be assisted by the wonderful staff at Parrot Creek. After receiving the help he needed, he described feeling himself and free to forge his own future. He is now a productive member of society, has a job and helps Parrot Creek to be able to give back. His story and journey warmed my heart, as it showed me that true change (with the right assistance) can happen. As a board member, I'll do anything it takes to help more boys and young men that are struggling and be able to have a second chance at life. The life we enjoy, and which we all deserve.

Please help us support this incredible organization with the finalization of their new facility. Their work is essential and they need to be able to help more young souls in need.

Thank you very much for reading this testimony, and for your support.

Kind regards,

Javier Montalvo