

February 16, 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 serve on the Board of Directors for Parrott Creek. I invest my time as I believe that we need to do a better job, serving our disadvantage youth and giving them an opportunity at long-term success.

As such, I 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 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.

The project produces long-term successful results at a cost lower than the temporary lodging the state has come to rely on. It makes sense economically and socially. Many thanks for your support and consideration.

Cordially,

Angela Sheehan

Board Member, Parrott Creek Child & Family Services