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On Behalf Of:

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Dear legislators, The most important time to plan for an emergency is before it happens. Community resilience hubs are essential to long term efforts to care for each other and endure climate change. These funds will multiply and lead to better outcomes for directly impacted folks, the disabled, single parents, and all Oregonians. Please keep our next generations and young children in mind. I supported efforts in 2023 around this policy and one comment that stood out from a mother with a child on the autism spectrum never left my mind. She shared she'd head to a community resilience hub in her community before, during, and after a climate emergency. In the case of an emergency if this hub stored weighted blankets for children on the autism spectrum... this would be life changing for families like hers in the worst of time. We must plan for those who already managing so much. Please allocate more funds and support our communities to thrive. What happened in California recently is always a possibility here. We can always be more prepared than before. Thank you, Karen Portland, OR Auntie