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As a CASA in Clackamas County for over 15 years, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact of the CASA program on the children we serve. In many cases, a CASA is the only constant in a child's life, providing critical support during their most difficult moments. For Clackamas County CASA, VOCA funding plays a vital role—it covers the salary of one CASA Manager, who, in turn, supports 30 CASAs. Together, these advocates serve 45–60 children each year. While this may seem like a small number, the impact is immeasurable. These funds don't just support a program; they change lives, offering stability, hope, and a brighter future for the children who need it most. Please adopt the one amendment that includes CASA programs and pass the bill out of Committee today! Thank you.