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On Behalf Of:
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued partnership between the Children Public Private Partnership (CP3) and the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) in our shared mission to reduce the number of children in foster care and minimize the time they spend separated from their families. We firmly believe that communities are eager and ready to step up—if given the opportunity—to support vulnerable children and families.

Through CP3, we have successfully developed and implemented three key programs that expedite family reunification: Safe at Home, supportive housing, and transportation for family time visits. These initiatives have demonstrated a meaningful impact in strengthening families and ensuring children can return to safe, stable homes as quickly as possible.

This partnership is built on a foundation of shared time, energy, and financial investment. To date, approximately one-third of our funding—\$1.8 million—has been generously contributed by private sources, including board members, foundations, and community members. This level of community-driven investment reflects the widespread commitment to improving outcomes for children and families across Oregon.

To build on this success, we are seeking state support in the upcoming biennium to expand this model into two additional regions, allowing more communities to benefit from the lessons learned and the proven strategies we have developed. With this support, we can continue making a lasting difference in the lives of children and families across the state.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working together to strengthen Oregon's child welfare system. Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

Timothy Sinatra
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