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To Whom It May Concern-

The Children's Public Private Partnership (CP3) has been doing great work with ODHS and the local community in helping Foster Children have permanent homes in Marion and Douglas counties. We'd like to expand that work through SB 33.

We are committed to further partnering with ODHS to reduce the number of children in foster care and to reduce the amount of time that they spend in foster care if removed from their homes.

Communities are willing and ready to step up if they are given the chance to participate.

CP3 partnership has been successful in developing 3 programs to help expedite family reunification: Safe at Home, supportive housing, and transportation for family time visits.

The partnership is one of shared time, energy and finances. About 1/3 of our funds to date (\$1.8 million) have been donated by private sources (board members, foundations and community members).

We are asking for state support in the coming biennium to enable us to scale up this model in 2 more regions to allow more communities in Oregon to benefit from what we have learned.

Thanks for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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