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STEPHANIE ALVSTAD
CEO/President

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Dear Chair Hartman, Vice Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, and Members of the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services,

J Bar J Youth Services has a Residential Treatment for adjudicated adolescent male youth, 3 shelters for homeless and runaway youth, an anti-trafficking program, as well as a handful of prevention programs in Bend and Central Oregon. As the CEO of J Bar J Youth Services we are dedicated to facilitating positive change for the youth we serve. There is currently regulatory misalignment that significantly impedes facilities like J Bar J and others around the state to provide the services necessary for the vulnerable populations we serve. I urge you to support HB 3835, a vital measure to ensure the stability and effectiveness of Oregon's child and family services.

One of the most pressing challenges we face is ensuring that when children need a safe place, there is a bed available. In the last 10 years Oregon went from 90 residential facilities to 53 facilities losing over 40% of licensed residential facilities. The regulatory misalignment has been a key factor in the loss of residential facilities and bed for these vulnerable youth.

We need a strong and supported workforce. The dedicated individuals who provide these critical services do so with passion and commitment, yet they are often discouraged by a system that prioritizes scrutiny over support. HB 3835 is an important step in improving child safety, ensuring consistent reporting, reducing provider burnout, and enhancing the overall quality of care across Oregon's child-serving systems.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Oregon's children, youth and young adults, and please consider supporting HB 3835.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Alvstad

CEO

J Bar J Youth Services

