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Good afternoon, Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and members of the committee,

My name is Janet Yousey, and I have the privilege of serving as CEO at Shangri-La. We are a nonprofit organization, annually supporting 1000 people with disabilities and families with disadvantages. Shangri-La is a member of Oregon Council of Behavioral Health (OCBH). *I support HB 2059.*

In the past two years, Shangri-La has opened 2, soon to be 3, new Residential Treatment Homes (RTHs), supporting adults with Significant and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI). We currently serve 5 people per home, in 8 (soon to be 9) houses, for a total of 40 people experiencing SPMI.

We believe we are skilled in providing 24-hour residential supports to people with SPMI and we know the community need continues to be high. We would love to open an additional 5 RTHs over the next 3 years but need help with start-up funds. Once an RTH is up and running, we can support operational costs and don't need ongoing assistance. However, it costs between \$1.5M-\$1.75M per home, to purchase, remodel, hire, and train staff. To open 5 new homes, it would cost between \$7,500,000-\$8,750,000 – a cost too high for us to manage.

If we receive the support of funds coming through the passage of HB 2059, we would be able to open 5 new homes and support an additional 25 people with SPMI. These 25 Oregonians would experience safe and comfortable housing, a team of people committed to their care and support, and access to the behavioral health system.

Please support HB 2059.

Thank you,
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