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Good afternoon Co-chairs Campos and Valderrama, members of the committee on the subcommittee on Human Services.

My name is Quan Davis, and I am a Direct Support Crisis Specialist at the Stabilization and Crisis Unit. I've been at SACU for 3 years and joined the workforce because I value the lives of others even if they are at their lowest. The individuals I serve mean something not only to myself but to the family members they have and the support from staff members as well.

I write today in opposition to the proposed budget for the Oregon Department of Human Services as presented with a decrease in funding.

Maintaining SACU is very important because it shows even when individuals are struggling with IDD and mental illness, they need a team of specialists who are trained properly to support them and their needs. SACU has used intensive training techniques to ensure the health and safety of the individuals we serve. Keeping SACU ensures they are safe and treated with respect and dignity with also chances of being reintegrated back into the community.

We urge this committee to carefully consider the impact this has on the individuals served. Any funding cuts without a clear plan about how individuals will get served in other settings puts their lives at risk.

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