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Senator Janeen Sollman
Representative Ricki Ruiz
Co-Chairs of the Joint
Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Education

Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 5525 – Fully Fund Dispute Resolution

Dear Senator Sollman, Representative Ruiz, and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter in support of SB 5525 and fully funded dispute resolution centers statewide.

Mediation Case Manager (“MCM”) is the Service Provider for the Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance Program (“OFAP”). The legislation and administrative rules associated with OFAP are in ORS Chapter 86 and OAR 137-110. OFAP has served to help thousands of Oregon homeowners save their homes from foreclosure since 2012. MCM relies heavily on working relationships with centers for dispute resolution around the state to fulfill the OFAP legislative and administrative obligations. If any of the existing dispute resolution centers with whom we currently work are unable to continue to provide mediation services under the OFAP, it will be impossible for the us, as a service provider for the State of Oregon, to meet our obligations under the statues and rules. There are no other dispute resolution service providers capable of, or positioned to, replace the existing dispute resolution centers should they not be able to continue as partners in the program.

We respectfully request that you fully fund Dispute Resolution in the Statewide Programs section of SB 5525.

Sincerely,
/s/Christopher R. Burke
Christopher R. Burke
Mediation Case Manager
Owner/Manager