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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or SB5531
Topic:

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse, and Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Members,

“Oregon Breaks Cycle of Homelessness”—that should be a headline in the
Oregonian. Path Home has a plan for how we can get that headline by helping
families with children.

I’m writing to you because I’m exasperated by the homelessness problem in
Portland. I recently learned that Oregon has the highest rate of homelessness among
families in the entire country!

And I know that our best chance to reduce homelessness is to break the cycle by
preventing children from experiencing the trauma of losing their home.

I’m a supporter of Path Home, which provides shelter and housing services for
families. Path Home is working to create Oregon’s first and only co-located housing
and services center specifically focused on homeless families with children.

With the help of Representative Chotzen and Senator Pham, we are seeking a \$5
million appropriation from the Oregon Legislature for this innovative project. Please
support our request for an appropriation for capital construction.

I have attached a summary of the project and funding sources.

Thank you in advance for your support and all you do for us in Salem.

Sincerely,

Bianca Gonzalez