

May 9, 2025

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Nosse and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction:

The **Center for Hope and Safety (CHS)** is based in Salem and we serve victims and survivors in Marion and part of Polk Counties. Operating since 1973, CHS provides a safe environment for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking and to educate the public about the issues surrounding victimization. Last year we served 11,300 survivors in person, provided over 10,000 nights of emergency shelter, and had 38,000 contacts to our organization for information, crisis services, and safety planning.

Center for **HOPE & SAFETY**



Formerly Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service

We are requesting \$700,000 in lottery bonds to complete critical repairs to our main advocacy office building. The building, built in 1967, is in dire need of a roof replacement, drywall repair, electrical and HVAC upgrades, seismic retrofitting and parking lot replacement. This project is ready, and the environmental review is complete. This project is needed to keep the property accessible and safe for years to come. We are requesting 51% of the project funds.

Additionally, we have submitted letters of support from five legislators (attached here) to the full Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The broad and bipartisan support for our work in Marion and Polk counties is greatly appreciated by CHS and the people we serve.

When a survivor needs CHS services and support, the Advocacy Office is where it all begins – the 24-7 hotline and direct advocacy happen in this location. Connections to emergency shelter, safety planning, clothing, food and other critical supports are provided at the Advocacy Office daily.

In the words of one survivor after years of domestic violence, “I was scared, and you were there – I will never forget how you helped me move forward with my life. My children and I now have stable and safe housing. I want to thank the program for being able to help me with food boxes, shelter and clothes. Thank you for not leaving me alone when I had lost all hope in myself. Thank you for showing me I am worth so much more than I thought I was.”

Thank you for consideration of our lottery bond request. At CHS we believe that everyone deserves a life free of violence.

Sincerely,



Ashley Carson, Executive Director

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because everyone deserves a life free of violence

KEVIN L. MANNIX
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 21



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 8, 2025

Ways and Means Co-Chair Lieber
Ways and Means Co-Chair Sanchez

Re: Support for Center for Hope & Safety- Advocacy Office Safety Improvements

Via email:

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez,

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Capital Project, "Center for Hope & Safety – Advocacy Office Safety Improvements." This project is already underway with funding through the City of Salem to begin a complete roof replacement in May of 2025. The project will greatly benefit the staff and survivors who are at the Center for Hope & Safety (CHS) Advocacy Office now and decades into the future. In 2024 alone, 11,300 in-person supports were provided to survivors and victims of violence by CHS. When a survivor needs CHS services and support, the Advocacy Office is where it all begins – the 24-7 hotline and direct advocacy happen in this location. Connections to emergency shelter, safety planning, clothing, food, and other critical supports occurs at the Advocacy Office daily.

CHS is a non-profit program that has a proven track record of providing comprehensive, supportive services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking in Marion and Polk Counties for more than 50 years. I have personally visited CHS and know the important work they do for people fleeing violence across our region. Domestic violence is one of the leading causes for women and children to become homeless.

The main office for the Center for Hope & Safety was built in 1967, consists of 13,420 sq ft of office space, and is owned outright by the 501(c)(3). The building is in dire need of a roof replacement, seismic upgrades, electrical work, HVAC upgrade, and full replacement of the parking lot due to constant flooding. Additionally, the staff and public restrooms need renovation because of outdated plumbing.

I supported investment in CHS' mission through the funding of their low-income housing project, HOPE Plaza, as well as their emergency shelter project, Mosaic. CHS continues to use

federal, state, city, and private donor dollars in an extremely responsible manner to ensure that survivors and their children are able to seek services, safety and change their lives. There is no debt on any of their buildings or projects currently.

Thousands of domestic violence survivors seek safety, refuge, and support in the CHS Advocacy Office throughout the year. CHS staff serve the public by all working in-person five days per week. To protect this essential asset CHS seeks a modest amount of Lottery Bond funding to complete this Capital project.

I encourage your support, as I believe this project will improve outcomes for survivors and their children for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin L. Mannix". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Kevin L. Mannix

RICK LEWIS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 18
OREGON'S CHRISTMAS TREE DISTRICT



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 28, 2025

Re: Support for Center for Hope & Safety- Advocacy Office Safety Improvements

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Rick Lewis

State Representative

House District 18

Oregon State Legislature



Office of Representative Tom Andersen

May 1, 2025

Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair
Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE, H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Salem's Center for Hope & Safety- Advocacy Office Safety Improvements

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse:

I am writing in support of the Center for Hope & Safety's Capitol Project, "Advocacy Office Safety Improvements."

One of my constituents, the City of Salem, has provided some funding to begin this important project and a complete roof replacement is set to finish this spring. However, the roof is only the first step forward for a larger, critical renovation effort.

This project will have a lasting impact on the important work that CHS offers to the community. Survivors and victims of violence can reach the 24-7 CHS hotline and direct advocacy, where they are able to access emergency shelter, safety planning, clothing, food, and other important supports. During my eight years on the Salem City Council, I became very familiar with CHS's incredible work, and support all that they do for the community.

CHS is a non-profit program that has a proven track record of providing comprehensive, supportive services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and

human trafficking in Marion and Polk Counties for over 50 years. I have personally visited CHS and know the important work they do for people fleeing violence across our region. Domestic violence is one of the leading causes for women and children to become homeless. As a member of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness, I understand the necessity of preventing vulnerable citizens from ending up on the street.

The main office for the Center for Hope & Safety was built in 1967 and is owned outright by the 501(c)(3). The almost 60 year-old building is in dire need of a roof replacement, seismic upgrades, electrical work, HVAC upgrade, and full replacement of the parking lot due to constant flooding. Additionally, the staff and public restrooms need renovation because of outdated plumbing.

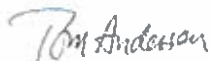
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The incredible work done by CHS will improve outcomes for survivors and their children for generations to come. Your investment in this capital project will have a very positive impact in our Salem community.

Sincerely,

Tom Andersen

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Tom Andersen
State Representative
South Salem, HD-19

**DEB PATTERSON
STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 10**



OREGON STATE SENATE

16 April 2025

Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for the Center for Hope & Safety

Co-Chair Lieber, Co-Chair Sanchez, and Members of the Joint Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the capital project request submitted by the Center for Hope & Safety (CHS), a vital nonprofit serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking in Marion and Polk Counties.

CHS has a longstanding track record of delivering comprehensive services to individuals in crisis. In 2024, CHS provided 11,300 in-person supports to survivors and victims of violence. The Advocacy Office is the central access point for these life-saving services—offering connections to emergency shelter, safety planning, food, clothing, and other critical resources daily.

Thousands of individuals seek support at the CHS Advocacy Office each year. Yet the building, originally constructed in 1967, is in urgent need of repair. The 13,420-square-foot facility has suffered frequent flooding and now requires a new roof, seismic upgrades, HVAC improvements, electrical work, a full parking lot replacement, and renovations to outdated plumbing in staff and public restrooms.

This capital project represents a crucial investment in the health and safety of survivors and the staff who support them. It will ensure that CHS can continue providing essential services for decades. I have personally visited CHS and witnessed the impact of their work. *I've supported previous investments in their mission, including the HOPE Plaza low-income housing project and the Mosaic emergency shelter.* CHS has demonstrated exemplary fiscal stewardship by

effectively leveraging city, state, federal, and private dollars and maintaining zero debt across all buildings and projects.

I urge your support for this request. This project will improve outcomes for survivors and their children—not just today, but for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Patterson". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Deb" and "Patterson" being capitalized and prominent.

Deb Patterson

KIM THATCHER
STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 11



OREGON STATE SENATE

April 7, 2025

Re: Support for Center for Hope & Safety- Advocacy Office Safety Improvements

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Sincerely,

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FUND VITAL SERVICES

SUPPORT SURVIVORS

FUND OUR LOTTERY BOND REQUEST FOR OUR ADVOCACY OFFICE

OUR ASK

The **Center for Hope & Safety** provides a safe environment for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking in Marion and parts of Polk Counties. The main office for the Center for Hope & Safety was built in 1967 and is owned by the 501(c)(3). The building is in dire need of a roof replacement, seismic upgrades, electrical work, parking lot replacement to prevent flooding, and staff and public restrooms renovation due to outdated and constant issues with plumbing. **Thousands of domestic violence survivors are in the building throughout the year, and our staff all work in-person. In order to protect this essential asset and the people within it we seek \$700,000 in funding for this project through lottery bonds.**

CHS BY THE NUMBERS

Statistics from 23-24 fiscal year

38,443

the **number of contacts** to our program

10,170

the number of **nights of shelter** provided to 194 adults and children

11,300

the number of survivors who received **in-person support**

"The Center for Hope & Safety did exactly what it's named: they gave me hope in knowing my family was going to be safe. [CHS] changes lives. You saved us. Thank you."
- a survivor

**24-HOUR
BILINGUAL
HOTLINE**



SAFE SHELTER



"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your help, concern, and kindness. I was alone in this mess until you came by my side to help me. I truly benefited from your assistance and cannot thank you enough."
- a survivor



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