



March 27, 2025

Dear Co-Chair Lieber and Co-Chair Sanchez,

I'm writing today in strong support of Lane County's 2025–2027 Capital Project Funding request for the Lane County Behavioral Health Stabilization Center.

This project represents a thoughtful, community-centered approach to one of the most urgent challenges we face – ensuring timely, effective behavioral health support for individuals in crisis. The Stabilization Center will offer 24-hour urgent care, with specialized units designed to serve both youth and adults in need of behavioral health supervision, substance use treatment, and post-acute care.

By easing the strain on hospital emergency departments and offering dedicated, trauma-informed services, the Center has the potential to be life-changing for individuals and families throughout our region.

Lane County's partnership with PeaceHealth to co-locate the Stabilization Center alongside Timber Springs Behavioral Health Hospital adds strength and sustainability to this vision. Together, these facilities will offer a full continuum of care—from inpatient support for adolescents, adults, and older adults to outpatient and crisis services—within a single, accessible location.

With significant funding already secured through county resources, federal grants, and Oregon Lottery Bonds, the remaining request through the 2025 Rebalance Legislation will ensure the project stays on track and aligned with construction timelines.

This is an important opportunity to move forward on a shared commitment to addressing the interwoven challenges of homelessness, addiction, and mental health. I respectfully urge your full and fair consideration of this request, which will allow the Lane County Behavioral Health Stabilization Center to open its doors to those who need it most.

Thank you for your leadership and for your ongoing support of Oregon's youth and families.

Warm regards,

Todd Hamilton
Superintendent