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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 Sen. Girod and Rep. Nosse, and Members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction: I am writing to voice my strong support for Path Home's request for a \$5 million appropriation for a portion of the capital costs to construct 50 low-income housing units on Path Home's Portland campus. I have been a supporter of Path Home for more than ten years, and I have seen first hand Path Home's record of success in helping families who are facing homelessness. In 2023, Path Home assisted 564 families. Nearly 90% of those families were able to move into housing, and 87% of the families assisted by Path Home keep their housing long term. Path Home's wrap-around services and trauma-informed care and design contribute to its proven record of success. As we all know, Portland and the rest of Oregon face a severe housing shortage, including low-income housing. This modest request (when considering the size of the entire project) will provide "bang for the buck" for taxpayers and ensure that Path Home can assist even more families in ending homelessness for good.

Thank you.

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