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On Behalf Of: Path Home
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Dear Joint Committee Members,

We are writing on behalf of Path Home, an organization we have supported for many years. We believe the issue of homelessness in Portland is an issue that must be solved if the city is to return its glory and Path Home has proven that they have solutions that do work! And they work for a population that has long term (generational) impact. Children who grow up in homelessness are often destined to the same fate. The compassionate, multi-pronged approach to keeping families housed has shown lasting results that we would encourage you to support. The homelessness issue needs proven solutions that work rather than the often scattershot or only fully housed solutions that have been proposed. Path Home has designed a program that works to get at all the causes of homelessness and works diligently to remove barriers to families staying housed. An investment in a program that works makes sense for Oregonians. We have spent loads of money "addressing" the homelessness issue in this state with varying levels of success. This is an opportunity to support and shine a light on a successful program that actually has proven success at reducing the homeless population in Portland. Please help this program to serve those vulnerable families with dignity and hope.

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