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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 Co-Chairs Sen Girod and Rep Nosse, and Members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

I am a member of the Path Home board of directors. Path Home provides shelter and housing to homeless families with children. This effort started in 1994 and has grown considerably over the years. We have a successful shelter operation as well as successful rapid rehousing and prevention programs. In addition, we have a trial pay-it-forward program.

We feel confident that we know how to successfully address helping homeless families with children get back into housing and stay there as well as prevent them from losing housing.

Path Home is working on a major expansion that will complete our model of how we think homelessness should be addressed - 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.

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

Sincerely,
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