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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 writing to support Path Home's request for a \$5 million appropriation to create Oregon's first and only co-located housing and services center focused on homeless families.

It is shocking and deeply disturbing to me that Oregon has the highest rate of homelessness among families in the entire country. I believe our best chance to reduce homelessness is to break the cycle by preventing children from experiencing the trauma of losing their home.

Path Home provides shelter and housing services for families with children. I have personally donated substantial time and money to Path Home for more than a decade because it has compassion and respect for the families that it serves, understands what needs to be done, and has an amazing record of both successfully moving families into permanent housing and preventing them from losing their homes in the first place.

Path Home is developing 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, it is seeking a \$5 million appropriation from the Oregon Legislature for this innovative project. Please support this request for an appropriation for capital construction.

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

Michael Campbell