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May 11, 2025

Capital Construction Subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

RE: SB 5531 – Request from Path Home for appropriation request for homeless families services center.

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse, and subcommittee members:

I am the Executive Director of Northwest Pilot Project. We are an Oregon nonprofit organization that works to help low-income older adults to find and stay in housing they can afford. We work closely with Path Home to shape policies, priorities, and best practices for working with people experiencing homelessness, and those at risk of homelessness. While we work with seniors, and Path Home works with families with children, we are all part of the same community. And we know that addressing family and child housing stability now will have a long-term impact of reducing the number of homeless older adults in the future.

I am writing in support of Path Home's request for \$5 million to help construct a wrap-around services center at its Family Village campus in the Lents neighborhood of Portland.

talking points:

- People experiencing homelessness need a range of personalized services to help them get back into housing and stay there.
- Finding, scheduling, and actually receiving those various services is a challenge for anyone, but doubly hard for someone trying to cope with the trauma of homelessness, and many times harder for homeless parents with children.
- Path Home's strategy of siting and coordinating comprehensive services in one facility is a best practice, but rarely possible. It is needed in Oregon and this is the opportunity to bring it here.
- Path Home will leverage its \$5 million request with almost \$35 million of other government funding, long-term debt, and private donations. With the budget cuts we are facing in Multnomah County, this is a powerful funding opportunity.

We hope you will help Path Home get the funding it needs to reduce family homelessness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Golino de Lovato", with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

Laura Golino de Lovato
Executive Director