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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to express my strong support for Casa Mariposa and to urge the subcommittee to help make this project possible. Supporting the purchase and renovation of the former church as a permanent community hub will significantly strengthen services on the North Coast.

Consejo Hispano is more than just a service provider—they are a trusted, culturally-rooted organization that deeply understands the diverse needs and strengths of our region. Their staff and volunteers are also community members, offering support that is informed, empathetic, and effective. The organization's collaborative approach brings together local partners, builds trust, and fosters a sense of belonging, strengthening our entire region. Legislative support will allow Consejo Hispano to focus on serving families rather than managing the burden of acquiring and updating a building. They provide practical support that is deeply trusted by the communities they serve. Their work—including crisis assistance, education programs, leadership development, and community advocacy—helps families navigate complicated systems and build stability.

Establishing a permanent home through Casa Mariposa will ensure these services are offered in a consistent, accessible, and welcoming space. Families will have a place to seek help, build connections, and participate in programs that strengthen both households and the broader community. The stability this project provides will allow Consejo Hispano and the families they serve to plan with greater confidence.

Thank you for your consideration and for your work on behalf of communities across Oregon. Your leadership and investment in culturally specific resources will have a lasting impact on families. I hope you will support this project and help Consejo Hispano continue and expand its vital mission.

Thank you,
Natalie Macías