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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction  
Measure, Appointment or SB5701  
Topic:

Capital Construction Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse,

I am writing to express my support of Casa Mariposa, a request to the sub-committee to help the community in Astoria purchase and repurpose an old church, which would help stabilize the service community on the North Coast.

Casa Mariposa is an important space for fostering meaningful connections and honoring cultural heritage within the Latinx communities it serves. As a close partner of Consejo Hispano, Casa Mariposa has provided a space for the Necanicum Watershed Council's Días del Salmón programming, including Spanish-language classroom sessions where children learn about habitat restoration. Also, as a Latina myself, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that having a safe place to express our culture can have. Casa Mariposa offers our community exactly that.

Thank you,

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