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Senator Sara Gelser, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood
and Members of the Committee

Re: Support of SB 616

Dear Senator Gelser and members of the Committee:

The Oregon Rehabilitation Association is a statewide advocacy organization representing the full spectrum of IDD providers in Oregon. We would like to go on record in support of SB616 to create a Community Housing Trust Account investigation and investment strategy to maximize interest and income in the account.

We support the position of the IDD Coalition, or which ORA is also a member, and detailed comments submitted by Leslie Sutton on this issue and commend her research to identify discrepancies in regard to the oversight of the Fairview Trust. It is time for full transparency regarding the Trust and a return to what was intended with those funds.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Chris Burnett

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