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Good Afternoon,

Attached is written testimony regarding HB 5530 I am submitting on behalf of Jamie Vandergon, Chief Operating Officer, Trillium Family Services. HB 5530 is scheduled for a public hearing tomorrow afternoon in the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capitol Construction.

Thank You,  
Betsy Jones  
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**SAIP Replacement Facility Project: Phase 2**  
*A solution to the capacity and facility needs of Oregon's children  
served in the Secure Adolescent Inpatient Program (SAIP)*

**Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Monroe, and Members of the Committee:**

At the conclusion of Oregon's last legislative session, Trillium Family Services was authorized a \$3 million capital grant in the 2017-2019 Lottery Bond bill. The funds were not released in the recent disbursement and have instead been placed on the "carry forward project list."

The grant is a vital component of the funding needed to construct the second of three state-of-the-art buildings that house the State's Secure Adolescent Inpatient Program (SAIP). Existing facilities are inadequate and no longer provide the level of safety and security required to serve teenagers at the highest level of psychiatric need in Oregon. Construction of the first building was completed in October 2015 and now provides 16 beds for SAIP clients; construction of the second building is scheduled to conclude in 2019, and will provide 16 more beds.

The total cost of this second phase is approximately \$8 million. Trillium is currently conducting a capital fundraising campaign and is confident it will raise \$5 million in private funds by late 2017 or early 2018. **As such, it is absolutely critical that the Lottery Bond grant be issued in 2017-2019 to ensure the completion of the second building.**

SAIP was once housed at the Oregon State Hospital; since 2005, Trillium has delivered the program on its Corvallis campus, with exceptional outcomes. The average length-of-stay has decreased by 29%, mechanical and chemical restraints routinely used at the Oregon State Hospital as behavioral interventions have been completely eliminated, and Trillium has saved Oregon taxpayers an estimated \$150 million by providing SAIP more efficiently and effectively over the past 12 years.

Trillium recently completed a successful rate re-negotiation with State officials for the delivery of SAIP and its sister program, the Secure Children's Inpatient Program (SCIP), which is delivered on Trillium's Portland campus. The new rate covers the true and actual cost of services, and has positively impacted Trillium's financial forecast to show a balanced budget for the 2017 fiscal year. The forecast for the 2018 fiscal year also projects a balanced budget.

All that remains to ensure SAIP services achieve the best possible treatment outcomes for Oregon's youth is the replacement of the facilities that house the program. Thank you for your partnership in ensuring Oregon's adolescents at the highest level of mental health need in our state will be cared for in the safest possible healing environment.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Vandergon, LPC". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jamie Vandergon, LPC  
Chief Operating Officer