

October 23, 2020

Oregon Legislature Emergency Board  
2019-20 Interim  
Co-Chair, Senate President Courtney  
Co-Chair, House Speaker Kotek

Dear Co-Chairs Courtney, Kotek and Members of the Emergency Board,

**We are writing you to support the immediate funding of the Project Turnkey program at a level of \$65 million.**

Project Turnkey is a community based, statewide effort to rapidly acquire motels for new housing capacity to meet immediate needs of Oregonians during the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfire disasters before the onset of winter. The immediate purchase of approximately 18-20 hotels/motels across the state will create approximately 1,000 units of housing that can be used by our local communities to help meet their critical housing needs.

Our state faces four stark realities that are driving an unprecedented, immediate need for emergency housing in our communities:

- (1) an underlying homelessness crisis that continues to worsen (Oregon ranks fourth worst in the nation);
- (2) the need for non-congregate shelter capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (3) the dramatic wildfires in our state which has destroyed approximately 4,000 homes; and;
- (4) a pending wet and cold winter season, with a possible spike in COVID cases, that is just weeks away.

Project Turnkey is a statewide public/private/civic collaborative of experienced local social services providers, local government, housing and real estate experts, and philanthropy.

We have great confidence in the Oregon Community Foundation as the fiscal agent for this program. We also have great confidence in our local community partners who will operate these programs. At its core, Project Turnkey is a community-based model that can and must be delivered at the local level.

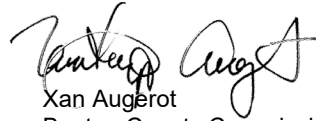
We believe this Project Turnkey is both the right and smart thing to do. Please enable us to respond to the immediate needs of those who are or will be vulnerable in our communities including a disproportionate number of our underserved populations.

We urge you to support this important program.


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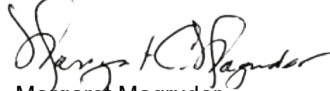
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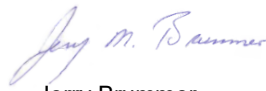
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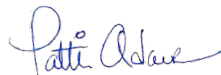
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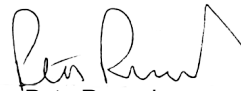
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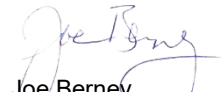
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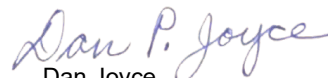
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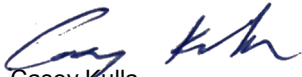
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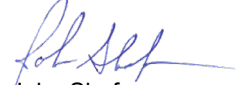
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