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COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM, INC.

"BUILDING BRIDGES TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY"



March 25, 2019

To: Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development

From: Community Action Team, Inc.

Attention: Co-Chair Manning, Co-Chair Gomberg, and Members of the Committee

Re: Support for SB 5512

We are writing in support of SB 5512. Our agency, Community Action Team (CAT), serves Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook Counties. Our main focus is to mobilize resources and address the needs of the economically disadvantaged. We are committed to reducing the extent and negative effects of poverty, increasing family self-reliance, and improving community facilities and affordable housing stock. We believe everyone deserves safe, stable, and affordable housing along with access to the community resources to help ensure sustainability.

Our agency has successfully operated in our communities since 1966. Last year we served 13,000 households by linking them to necessary resources such as rental assistance, energy assistance, senior services, child development services, along with other services and supports in order to help them become and remain self-sufficient.

Our agency data indicates that 53% of the households that gain access to stable housing, and have exited through the program, are able to increase their household income. This results in a 13% average reduction on reliance of mainstream resources. Additional data confirms that households with access to stable housing have reduced ER visits and managed physical, and mental, health which in turn contributes to their ability to maintain stable housing and be self-reliant.

Last year our agency helped house a homeless mother with three young children. While participating in the program the mother was able to gain access to critical resources for herself and her children. As a result of these services she was able to stabilize her life, both physically and mentally. She completed a job training program, gained full time employment at a livable wage, and was able to graduate from our programs. She is now in the process of buying her first home!

Serving Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook Counties since 1966

The Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) budget would provide additional funds to prevent and reduce homelessness. This would also allow for increased staffing at OHCS in order to ensure that this critical work happens smoothly and that the programs are adequately supported at the state level.

We would graciously ask your support for the following:

- \$50 million in on-going funds for the Emergency Housing Account and State Homeless Assistance Program
- \$200 million to develop new affordable homes across Oregon
- \$100 million to preserve existing affordable rental housing stock

We thank you for your concern for Oregon households in desperate need of stable housing. Your consideration of this request for support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Dan Brown
Executive Director