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To the Senate Committee on General Government and Emergency Preparedness,

I am writing on behalf of the Mid-Willamette Community Action Agency to express our deep support of the CourtCare bill, SB1558. CourtCare provides a vital resource for community members, many served by Community Action programs, to ensure safe child care while parents and guardians conduct business in the court system or with local social service agencies. Access to affordable and dependable childcare is one of the greatest barriers we see for families in making critical appointments for achieving stability and wellness.

SB1558 continues this amazing work for our community and Mid-Willamette Community Action Agency stands behind the requested funding for Polk and Marion CourtCare sites.

Yours respectfully,

Jimmy Jones
Executive Director