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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure: SB5506

Dear Senator Steiner, Representative Sanchez and members of your committee,

I have had the privilege of living in McMinnville since 1976. It has been a wonderful place to raise our family and to be involved in many organizations that allow us to make a positive difference in our lives and the lives of others. Today, our community needs your help to address the problems created by a lack of housing opportunities for some of our most vulnerable neighbors.

Please fund the \$6,742,505 Direct Allocation request for the City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response. The program has been thoughtfully designed to be effective and financially responsible. McMinnville's original request was reduced after funding for one of the 4 projects was secured from regional and local partners.

Completion of these projects will be a "win-win" for McMinnville. The new beds will provide relief for people who would otherwise be forced to live on the street. Providing a safe and decent place to live will allow people an opportunity to break to cycle of homelessness and the related problems. This will also improve the long term viability and livability of our community for everyone.

Thank you for considering my input.

Tom Tankersley
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