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

To the Joint Committee on Ways & Means:

I am reaching out to you today to seek your support for the City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response Projects.

We need your help to deliver responsive housing solutions to the McMinnville community as well as the Mission's additional outreach to McMinnville's neighboring communities that have fewer services. As the city recognizes the importance of emergency shelter and are looking to couple that with wraparound services, the Mission (which provides our services to everyone without any requirements of religious participation) also recognizes a strong need for transitional housing that includes vital programs to change the cycle of homelessness. The services we provide include emergency housing and sheltering (with a 70% success rate in obtaining permanent housing), 24/7 needs for men, women and children in a safe environment, an overnight shelter to house many with immediate needs, and public showers & laundry services.

The vital component that our area does not have is transitional housing with programs and job training that will help set up a strong foundation and address the challenges that hold the less fortunate back from long term success. When these programs are in place, homelessness will decrease.

City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response: \$6,742,505 Direct Allocation
The Mission currently can house 70+ people and has current plans to build a 10 bedroom residence on our property. The City of McMinnville has identified construction projects that will increase bed capacity to over 100+ new beds. These projects are ready to be built, but need funding. The city is seeking a direct allocation request of \$6,742,505 for the combined three of our four housing projects.

Sincerely,

Kaye Sawyer, Executive Director
Dave Haugeberg, Vice Chair of the Board
McMinnville, OR