



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

May 5, 2023

To: Joint Subcommittee On Capital Construction

Subject: Support for HB 5030

Co-Chair Holvey, Co-Chair Girod and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Zakir Khan, Government Relations Manager for Washington County. I am here to ask you for \$8.3 million to assist our county with the construction of our Center for Addiction Triage and Treatment (CATT). We have already raised \$51 million for this project, and the \$8.3m ask is to help us get to full funding so that we can be operational by the end of 2024.

Included in the record you will find renderings of the CATT that will show you how warm and inviting the space will be when it is finished.

The CATT will be a comprehensive center offering assessment, sobering, withdrawal support, residential treatment, stabilization services, peer mentoring and outpatient services. In addition, we want to provide co-located medical, dental, and housing supports so a person with a substance use disorder can get most of their needs met through a single program.

With nearly 80,000 sq. ft. of clinical space across two buildings, the center will add 86 treatment beds to our system of care, along with peer mentoring and outpatient supports. This is critical because we currently only have 26 beds. The creation of the CATT will increase regional bed capacity and help constituents travel less far to seek treatment.

The program is centered on the values of rapid access, racial equity, family inclusion, integrated mental health support and person-centered services. The CATT will bring together systems to provide a central access point into various social services, including supportive housing and employment resources.

The CATT has the vision of diverting people from the criminal justice system and hospital emergency departments and connecting them instead to peer supports and drug and alcohol treatment that is responsive to each person's needs.

The development has been a community effort. More than 220 people have provided input into the design. This project was designed by our community, for our community.

As result, we urge your support. Thank you for your time.

Thank you,

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