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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1530

Hi,

I am writing in favor of funding from the State in order to keep running shelter operations in Oregon. I live in Bend and it has an incredible houseless crisis and has been incredibly pro-active in securing shelter beds for both individuals and families experiencing hardship here in Bend. If additional funds are not secured then we will lose hundreds of shelter beds and more families and individuals are going to be out on the streets.

One day I was riding the bus to work and a father and his son got on, he couldn't have been more than 13, and they were living in a shelter nearby. It was heartbreaking to hear their conversation about food, shelter, and school. No person should be without a home, and no child should have to worry about if they'll have a secure place to sleep at night.

Please fund SB1576 and ensure we don't have to send families and individuals back onto the street.

Thanks,

John Heylin