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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1530

Dear Representative,

My name is Issa Ubidia-Lockett. I live in Portland, OR and I am writing to express my wholehearted support for a yes vote on Senate Bill 1530, with the inclusion of funding for

furniture bank services. Because of Community Warehouse's services, I have assisted people who were formerly houseless to create a new home for themselves. Community Warehouse is imperative in helping so many communities from the LGBTQ+ to domestic violence, every situation is handled with care and the teams are always flexible and supportive with my clients needs.

Research consistently demonstrates the positive impact of furniture on housing stability.

Furnished homes contribute to the physical and mental well-being of residents, fostering an

environment conducive to recovery and growth. Studies indicate that individuals receiving

furniture are more likely to maintain stable housing over time. Furniture banks provide an

affordable, equitable, and sustainable solution to furniture poverty.

Housing should not be viewed merely as the provision of four walls and a roof, but as the

establishment of a home – a space that supports the well-being and dignity of its occupants.

Furniture and household items, as a fundamental element of any home, play a crucial role in

this ecosystem. When we fund housing, we must include the means to furnish those homes. We urge you to support the inclusion of furniture bank services as an integral part of

Senate Bill 1530.

The incorporation of furniture bank services will address a critical need within our communities,

contributing significantly to creating stable, sustainable, and thriving living environments for all

Oregonians.

I appreciate the commitment of the Senate to finding and funding holistic solutions to our state's

housing challenges.

Thank you for your consideration,

Issa