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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 14, 2024

The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Steiner, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez; and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

I am writing to express my support for the **Pacific Station Apartments for Families** Capital Funding request submitted by Catholic Community Services Foundation. This shovel-ready project will be an affordable, supported housing development for low-income families from Marion/Polk counties with complex needs. The development will provide 12 three- and four-bedroom homes for larger families facing adversity and experiencing housing instability, including six units that will be allocated under a 10-year lease to Marion County HHS.

Larger families are often at greater risk of homelessness due to the lack of affordable housing with more than two bedrooms and restrictions placed on occupancy. Pacific Station will address this housing gap and will also provide ADA units for families in which a child or parent may experience a physical disability and need affordable, specialized accommodations.

This funding request, if fulfilled, would position CCSF to begin construction this spring with project completion and initial occupancy anticipated in spring of 2025.

I respectfully encourage you to approve the **Pacific Station Apartments for Families** grant request.

Sincerely,

Representative Ed Diehl