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On Behalf Of:

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I am a volunteer at a low barrier shelter in my church, First Baptist Church, in McMinnville, Oregon. Our church is located close to the downtown area where many people experiencing homelessness tend to congregate. We offer a regular night of shelter with a meal and showers on Friday night, and shelter on every night where temperatures are below freezing, as well as daytime shelter when temperatures are excessively hot. Our congregation supplies volunteers, funds, meals, and clothing. We partner with Yamhill Community Action Program to provide some staff. Lately we have 30-40 people a night and sometimes run out of sleeping mats. Right now we are out of blankets.

We know we are providing a band aid when what is needed is permanent shelter. Our community needs the funds to make this happen. Please support this bill that would provide some much needed funding.