

Thank you, Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,

My name is Doris Towery. I serve as Co-Chair of the Leadership Council for *A Family Place* in McMinnville. I am here to urge you to support **HB 3933**, which would allow support to an additional 300 children statewide.

I have witnessed firsthand the transformational impact Relief Nurseries have on children and families across our state. These programs provide critical parenting education, home visiting support, family mental health services, and classroom-based early childhood interventions. I have seen children thrive and families stabilize because they received these services.

My connection began with 17 years of volunteer work with the original Relief Nursery in Eugene, raising funds through Rotary & United Way of Lane County where I saw Relief Nurseries play a vital role in reducing child abuse and preparing children for school.

In my 20+ years in the nonprofit sector, Relief Nurseries stand out as one of the strongest public-private partnerships I've seen.

- 95% of children enrolled are able to remain safely at home.
- An EcoNorthwest study estimates a \$2–\$4 return for every dollar invested due to improved outcomes and reduced public costs.

In Yamhill County, we've expanded our capacity by building new classrooms in Newberg and Willamina over the past five years.

- **600** children and their families received services
- **150,000** diapers given away
- **628** home visits completed

We as we Oregonians know the remarkable power of local solutions. Your investment will have a lasting impact on the health, safety, and success of Oregon's youngest and most vulnerable citizens.

Please prioritize HB 3933—your investment builds healthier families and a stronger Oregon. Thank You