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On Behalf Of: Path Home
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Subject: Please Support Capital Construction Funding for Homeless Families

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Girod and Representative Nosse, and Members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

Imagine reading this headline in The Oregonian: “Oregon Breaks the Cycle of Homelessness.” Path Home has a clear plan to help make that vision a reality—by supporting families with children before they fall through the cracks.

I’m writing today out of deep concern. Oregon now has the highest rate of family homelessness in the nation. That’s unacceptable. We know that preventing children from experiencing the trauma of homelessness is one of the most effective ways to stop this crisis from repeating across generations. I’m a proud supporter of Path Home because they provide not just shelter, but long-term stability for families who need a path forward.

Path Home is leading the charge to build Oregon’s first and only co-located housing and services center specifically designed for families with children experiencing homelessness. With the support of Representative Chozten and Senator Pham, we are seeking a \$5 million capital appropriation to bring this critical project to life.

I urge you to support this request. It’s not just an investment in infrastructure—it’s an investment in Oregon’s future.

Thank you for your leadership and service to our state.

Sincerely,
Chris Partipilo