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Co-chair Leiber and Sanchez, and members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee,

For the record, my name is Bradley Capps and I'm the RSS/ISC and work at the Halsey House SACU.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input as you move along the ways and means process relating to the budget reduction exercise the agencies presented to you last year. I want to highlight the importance of the SACU program and the devastating impact any reductions would have on the community.

I have worked for SACU now for a decade, I started as a DSCS and have had various roles in my tenure. Reducing the budget and making cuts to SACU will not just affect the people we serve in SACU, but also those in our communities at large. The work we do is critical to keeping Oregonians healthy and protected. Our agency is one that individuals love to be a part of, and the work we do to assist them back into community placement is one of a kind. I would urge all of you to support SACU in remaining fully funded peoples lives matter here.

We understand that the state of Oregon is experiencing instability and there are tough decisions being made. As elected leaders, it is your constitutional duty to balance a budget and with that comes the responsibility to also look at other ways to continue to keep Oregon a place where people from all socioeconomic backgrounds can thrive.

I am a voter, staff, and community member and I'm here today to speak for the thousands of people we serve. Passing cuts only budget this session without keeping the most impacted at the center of the decision making process will have extreme consequences. They are your neighbors, your friends, family, and most importantly, your constituents. I urge you to strongly consider using reserves to keep families afloat and spend more time thinking about making strategic decisions for the next few years.

With respect,

Bradley Capps  
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