

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah East County Building, Sharron Kelley Room  
600 NE 8th St., Gresham, Oregon  
Wednesday May 16, 2018**

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING B**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, and Jessica Vega Pederson present. Commissioner Loretta Smith arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Also attending was Marina Baker, Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: MY NAME IS DEBORAH KAFOURY. I'M YOUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHAIR. THIS IS OUR FINAL BUDGET HEARING FOR THE 2019 BUDGET, WHICH WE'LL BE VOTING ON AT THE END OF THE MONTH ON THE 31st. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AFTER TONIGHT'S HEARING, FEEL FREE TO TALK WITH ANY OF US OR ANY OF THE COUNTY STAFF. WILL ALL THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY STAFF PLEASE STAND UP? THERE ARE QUITE A FEW STAFF HERE FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS OR DIRECT YOU TO THE RIGHT PERSON. SO, THIS YEAR, WE ARE LOOKING AT A FAIRLY FLAT BUDGET. HOWEVER, THIS IS THE LAST GOOD YEAR, AS WE LOOK ON THE HORIZON, WE SEE BUDGET CUTS COMING FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS CULMINATING IN A \$30 MILLION SHORTFALL, SO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO HAVE AN EYE FOR HOW WE'RE GOING TO HANDLE OUR FUTURE BUDGETS, WHICH DON'T LOOK QUITE AS ROSY THIS YEAR. WE WERE ABLE TO ADD A FEW NEW PROGRAMS. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT MEANT WE HAD TO TAKE SOME CUTS IN OTHER AREAS. THE BUDGET IS BY NOW MEANS IN ITS FINAL STAGE. THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO TAKE ADJUSTMENTS. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TO HEAR FROM YOU, THE COMMUNITY, CHANGES THAT YOU WANT SEE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING. MARINA BAKER IS OUR COUNTY BOARD CLERK. SHE'S GOING TO BE CALLING PEOPLE'S NAME FOUR AT A TIME TO COME FORWARD. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES TO TESTIFY, AND WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE TRY TO HOLD YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES SO WE CAN GET THROUGH EVERYONE WHO IS HERE TODAY AND DON'T HAVE TO BE HERE UNTIL MIDNIGHT. NOW I WOULD LIKE OUR COMMISSIONERS TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.

Commissioner Meieran: HI. I'M SHARON MEIERAN. I'M THE COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 1, SO THAT IS THE WEST SIDE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND INNER SOUTHEAST OUT TO CHAVEZ.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE. I'M THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 3 WHICH STARTS AT CHAVEZ AND GOES ALL THE WAY TO 148th AND THEN IT GOES FROM THE I-84 SOUTH TO THE COUNTY LINE. IT IS REALLY GREAT TO BE OUT HERE IN GRESHAM TONIGHT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: WELCOME TO THE BEST DISTRICT, DISTRICT 4, EAST COUNTY. LORI STEGMANN. MY DISTRICT STARTS AT EAST 148th IN PORTLAND AND GOES ALL THE WAY UP TO

BONNEVILLE, SO IT INCLUDES GRESHAM, WOOD VILLAGE, CORBETT, AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS UP TO THE HOOD RIVER AND COUNTY LINE. SO GREAT TO SEE SO MANY OF MY EAST COUNTY FRIENDS.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. LET'S GET STARTED.

Board Clerk: IF YOU NEED INTERPRETATION SERVICES, WE HAVE THEM AVAILABLE IN RUSSIAN, SPANISH, VIETNAMESE, AND SOMALI. PLEASE TALK TO THE FOLKS IN THE BACK THERE OUTSIDE TO GET THOSE. PLEASE COME FORWARD. [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD EVENING. YOU'RE FIRST UP, CARL. THANK YOU.

Carl Talton: CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR MAKING SOME TIME AVAILABLE FOR US THIS EVENING. MY NAME IS CARL TALTON. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT THAT I BELIEVE WILL BE BEFORE YOU FOR ABOUT \$500,000 SUPPORTING 3 TO PH.D. PROGRAM THAT IS UNDER CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY. I'M A LONG-TIME COMMUNITY MEMBER IN NORTHEAST AND AROUND CONCORDIA, AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE NORTH-NORTHEAST STEAM COALITION. THIS IS A COALITION OF COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE TRYING TO FACILITATE MORE S.T.E.M. EDUCATION FOR KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR KIDS AND OUR COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR HAS NOT HAD THE BENEFIT OF SOME OTHER LOCATIONS. AS WE SEE THE NEEDS FOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGE, THE REQUIREMENTS AND SO FORTH THAT PEOPLE MUST HAVE, WE FIND THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS NOT BEING WELL SERVED IN PREPARATION THERE. WE HAVE A LOT OF CHALLENGES IN THAT COMMUNITY. NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS GENTRIFICATION. MUCH OF THAT IS BROUGHT ON BY THE FACT THAT OUR POPULATION IS VERY MUCH UNDEREDUCATED. THAT INCLUDES CURRENT RESIDENTS WHO ARE UNDEREMPLOYED AS WELL AS FUTURE WORKERS WHO CAN SUPPORT THE ECONOMICS FOR BOTH THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND THE STATE OF OREGON. WITH THAT, 3 TO PH.D. IS JUST A GREAT ADDITION IN SUPPORTING THAT. I'M GOING TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE FOR AND SUPPORT THAT AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

Justin Birmingham: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JUSTIN BIRMINGHAM. I WELCOME THE COMMISSIONERS BACK TO EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I'M HERE TO SUPPLEMENT THE COMPELLING TESTIMONY OF LEADERS LIKE MS. TIDWELL NEXT TO ME. I'D LIKE TO USE MY TIME TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION FOR THE COUNTY'S RECENT SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER PLANNING RESOURCES AND UPDATE YOU TO THEIR RESULTING ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE. THROUGH THE COUNTY'S PLANNING RESOURCE INVESTMENT, THE REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT -- MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES CAME FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND TWO REYNOLDS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. WE CONNECTED NUMEROUS ONLINE SURVEYS AND FACE-TO-FACE LISTENING SESSIONS. THE PURPOSE OF THE INFORMATION-GATHERING PROCESS WERE THREEFOLD. FIRST, TO ASSESS THE CURRENT ACCESS AND BARRIERS TO HEALTH CARE FOR YOUTH IN REYNOLDS. SECOND TO IDENTIFY THE PRIORITIES OF THE HEALTH SERVICE

TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. THIRD, WE SOUGHT TO MEASURE THE LEVEL OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER AT REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL. TO THE LATTER, WE MAINTAIN OVERWHELMING INTENT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER IN THE REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT. WHEN STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO IDENTIFY THEIR NUMBER ONE HEALTH CONCERN AT REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL, THEIR LEADING PRIORITIES WERE, ONE, STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH, TWO, DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELING, THREE, SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SEXUAL HEALTH. MORE PRECISELY, ONE IN FOUR STUDENTS AT REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL IDENTIFIED ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AS THEIR NUMBER ONE HEALTH CONCERN. FOR COMPARISON, LESS THAN ONE IN TEN STUDENTS IDENTIFIED ACCESS TO GENERAL PRIMARY CARE AS MOST URGENT. GIVEN THE STIGMAS ASSOCIATED WITH IDENTIFYING OR ACKNOWLEDGING MENTAL HEALTH IN TEENAGERS, THE STEERING COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THE URGENCY OF THE STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH CENTER -- EXCUSE ME, THE URGENCY OF STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AS LIKELY MORE PREVALENT ACROSS OUR SYSTEM THAN PREVIOUSLY PERCEIVED. WHILE I DON'T HAVE THE RESULTS IN FRONT OF ME, I KNOW THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONDUCTED A SIMILAR PROCESS THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT AS CONSEQUENCE OF THE COUNTY PLANNING INVESTMENT. THE NEXT STEP TO CLOSE OUT THE DISTRICT'S DELIVERABLES IS TO ESTABLISH ARCHITECTURAL PLANS FOR THE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER. TO FURTHER EVALUATE THESE OPTIONS, THE DISTRICT CONTRACTED WITH A FIRM TO DRAW UP COST ESTIMATES FOR EACH OPTION. TO CONCLUDE, THIS HEARING IS TO REVIEW THE ELEMENTS OF THE CHAIR'S FISCAL 2019 BUDGET. THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OUR ESTEEMED NEIGHBORS, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR ENCOURAGEMENT TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM WITHIN THE COUNTY OF DEPARTMENT HEALTH INTEGRATED CLINICAL SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT HEALTH CENTER TRANSITION PLANNING. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. HI.

Diamond Tidwell: HELLO. MY NAME IS DIAMOND TIDWELL. MY PURPOSE IN SPEAKING IS TO ADVOCATE FOR OUR SCHOOL TO HAVE A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER. THERE ARE MANY ADVANTAGES OF HAVING THIS AT RHS, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT IS THE DECREASE IN NUMBERS OF ABSENCES. I RECENTLY HAD AN APPOINTMENT AT SIN TENIAL SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER AND I HAD TO MISS FOUR CLASS PERIODS TO ATTEND. OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER HAD TO TAKE ME, AND SHE HAD TO TAKE TIME AWAY FROM OTHER STUDENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO MAKE SURE I GOT THE CARE THAT I NEED. IF A HEALTH CENTER WERE PLACED AT REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL, STUDENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO GET REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, VACCINES, AND EVEN SUPPORT PHYSICALS. IN ADDITION, THE MOST IMPORTANT -- OH, I'M SORRY. THE MOST --

Chair Kafoury: YOU'RE DOING GREAT.

Diamond Tidwell: STUDENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO GET MEDICAL ATTENTION SUCH AS REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, VACCINES, AND ALL OF THAT WITHOUT HAVING TO MISS A HALF A DAY OF SCHOOL. STUDENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS THESE SERVICES DURING

LUNCH OR AFTER SCHOOL OR BEFORE SCHOOL IF NEEDED, LOSING LESS TIME IN CLASS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING. HI.

Lisa Naito: GOOD EVENING. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS LISA NAITO. I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING TELECARE CORPORATION. TELECARE, AS YOU KNOW, IS NOT ALLOWED TO DO TELEMEDICINE. WE'VE HAD THAT CONVERSATION, BUT IT PROVIDES MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN EIGHT STATES AND IS A NATIONAL LEADER IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS. WE APPRECIATE THE CHAIR FOR INCLUDING THE CRISIS ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THEIR BUDGET. AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, THIS PROVIDES A SHORT STAY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING A CRISIS BUT WHO DO NOT NEED THE LEVEL OF CARE OF A HOSPITAL OR THE EXPENSE. ONE CHANGE THAT'S BEING MADE IS OPIOID ADDICTION WILL NO LONGER BE AN EXCLUSIONARY ADDITION IN BEING INCLUDED. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, FORMER COMMISSIONER, LISA NAITO. YOU CAN BEGIN ON THIS END. YEP, YOU'RE UP.

Jenya Refi: HELLO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I FEEL REALLY HAPPY TO BE HERE. I WAS PART OF THE --

Chair Kafoury: SORRY. YOU HAVE TO STATE YOUR NAME.

Jenya Refi: I'M JENYA REFI. I WAS PART OF THE WIC BREASTFEEDING PROGRAM IN 2014. YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO COME AND SPEAK ABOUT HOW VALUABLE THAT WAS TO ME. I FELT REALLY LOST. I WAS THE FIRST ONE OUT OF ALL MY FRIENDS TO HAVE A BABY. I COME FROM A CULTURE WHERE BREASTFEEDING IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I KNEW I WANTED TO BREAST-FEED, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW REALLY ANYTHING ABOUT IT BESIDES THE FACT THAT I KNEW I WANTED TO. COMING TO THESE CLASSES AND MEETING OTHER WOMEN WHO WERE HAVING A BABY AT THE SAME TIME AS ME AND GETTING THAT FEELING OF COMMUNITY WAS REALLY AMAZING. I LEARNED SO MUCH. AT THE TIME, I WASN'T IN A POSITION TO BE ABLE TO HIRE A LACTATION CONSULTANT OR ANYBODY LIKE THAT, SO JUST HAVING THESE CLASSES TO GUIDE ME AND TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO, WHAT MY FIRST STEPS WERE, WAS JUST VERY, VERY VALUABLE. LEAH AND THE OTHER FACILITATORS WERE REALLY AMAZING AND VERY, VERY SUPPORTIVE. I LEARNED A LOT. WHEN MY SON WAS BORN, HE WAS ACTUALLY SPITTING UP A LOT. EVERYBODY WAS SO WORRIED. I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON. I ACTUALLY CAME IN AND WE DID A WEIGHT BEFORE BREASTFEEDING AND THEN A WEIGHT AFTER. LEAH ACTUALLY MEASURED HOW MUCH SPIT UP BECAUSE I WAS LIKE HE'S NOT GETTING ANY MILK. I WAS WORRIED HE WOULDN'T BE GAINING THAT WEIGHT. SHE HELPED ME FIGURE OUT THAT HE HAD A HARD TIME PROCESSING COW MILK. SHE SUGGESTED MAYBE I SHOULD TRY CHANGING MY DIET AROUND. WHEN I CUT OUT THE DAIRY, HE STOPPED SPITTING UP. THAT'S SOMETHING I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE NEVER FIGURED OUT. I WAS ALREADY GETTING ALL THE FORMULA SAMPLES IN THE MAIL. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW

COMPANIES FIGURED OUT I WAS HAVING A BABY EITHER. HERE'S ALL THESE SAMPLES. IT IS JUST SO VALUABLE. BREASTFEEDING IS JUST SO AMAZING. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T HAVE SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY BREAST-FEED. I KNOW THE STATISTICS OF BREASTFEEDING CHILDREN ARE GOING DOWN. I FIND THAT THIS PROGRAM WAS VERY VALUABLE AND WANTED TO COME OUT AND SAY THAT.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING TONIGHT.

Chair Kafoury: HI.

Rachelle Universe: MY NAME IS RACHELLE UNIVERSE. I'M HERE TONIGHT TO TELL MY STORY -- SORRY. I'M PROBABLY GOING TO CRY. I APOLOGIZE. I'M HERE TONIGHT TO TELL MY STORY OF NURSING MY SON, LONDON UNIVERSE. LET ME REWIND TO MY FIRST SON CALEB, WHO IS NOW 7 YEARS OLD. I HAD EVERY INTENTION TO NURSE HIM. I TRIED FOR SEVERAL DAYS. UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT I DID NOT KNOW WAS CALEB HAD TORTICOLLIS, A KINK IN HIS NECK. I FOUND OUT WHEN HE WAS 2 MONTHS OLD. HE ONLY WANTED TO LOOK TO THE RIGHT BECAUSE HIS NEXT HURT. HE WAS IN TOO MUCH PAIN TO NURSE. HE WOULD CRY IN FRUSTRATION AND I CRIED TOO. I DECIDED TO STOP. I BECAME VERY DISCOURAGED AND DEPRESSED. I FELT INADEQUATE AS A MOTHER TO NOT BE ABLE TO FEED MY BABY THE NATURAL WAY. WHEN I FOUND OUT I WAS EXPECTING MY SECOND BABY, LONDON, I WANTED TO NURSE. HE LATCHED ON A LOT BETTER THAN CALEB. I DID HAVE TROUBLE WITH LATCHING THOUGH. HE WOULD NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH VERY WIDE BEFORE LATCHING, AND I STARTED GETTING SORE. I CALLED THE LACTATION NURSES IN THE HOSPITAL AND MET WITH THEM SEVERAL TIMES. THEY FIRST THOUGHT OUR ISSUE WAS HIS LATCH. WE WORKED ON THAT, AND I HAD NO CHANGES IN MY SORE NIPPLE. IT ONLY GOT WORSE. THEN THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A YEAST PROBLEM AND PRESCRIBED A CREAM AND PILLS. AGAIN, NO CHANGES. IN THE MEANTIME, MY NIPPLE WAS GETTING A CRATER IN IT AND I COULD NOT NURSE WITHOUT DIGGING MY TOES INTO THE CARPET. I WAS GETTING DESPERATE FOR ANSWERS, SO I DECIDED TO GO TO MY MEETING. THIS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT TURN TO MY SITUATION. I HAD MISSED MY FIRST TWO MEETINGS DUE TO MY OWN FEELINGS OF NEEDING HELP TO A GROUP OF STRANGERS. I FORCED MYSELF TO GO. I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY THE CONCERN AND LOVE TOWARDS ME AND MY LITTLE ONE. I ALMOST IMMEDIATELY FELT CALM BEING THERE IN THAT ROOM. I KNEW I WAS IN THE RIGHT PLACE TO SEEK HELP. I FIRST MET LEAH THROUGH THE BREASTFEEDING PROGRAM. SHE HAD THE KNOWLEDGE OF THINGS TO LOOK FOR AND GREAT IDEAS TO HELP ME ALONG THE WAY. SHE SUGGESTED TONGUE AND A LIP TIE. I TOLD HER NO. HIS DOCTORS AND DOCTORS AT THE HOSPITAL AND SEVERAL LACTATION NURSES ALREADY LOOKED. SHE HELPED ME WITH POSITIONING, NIPPLE GUARDS, AND OFFERED ME HER NUMBER TO CALL ME ANYTIME. I KNEW THE FEELING OF STOPPING WITH MY FIRST AND WAS DETERMINED TO NOT GIVE UP. AFTER GOING TO MY MEETINGS FOR A FEW TIMES, LEAH AGAIN ASKED ME, CAN WE LOOK IN HIS MOUTH TO CHECK FOR A TONGUE AND A LIP TIE? I SAID SURE. HE HAD ALL THE SIGNS FOR BOTH. I WAS SHOCKED. THEN HE REFUSED -- THEN THEY REFERRED ME TO A DOCTOR WHO WAS AN ENT. I WENT TO THE APPOINTMENT AND THE DOCTOR CAME INTO THE ROOM AND LITERALLY DIAGNOSED LONDON, CALEB, AND MY HUSBAND WITHIN 90 SECONDS.

Chair Kafoury: I'M SORRY. I HAVE TO ASK YOU TO FINISH YOUR SENTENCE. WE HAVE 40 PEOPLE SIGNED UP.

Rachelle Universe: I'LL JUST SKIP TO THE END. I'M SO SORRY. THE PROGRAM HELPED ME WITH MY BODY, MY SON, AND MY OWN CONFIDENCE AS A MOTHER THAT I COULD DO IT AND I DID ALL BECAUSE SOMEONE BELIEVED IN ME. THANK YOU, LEAH, FOR ALL THE TIMES YOU WERE THERE FOR ME AS I WEPT IN YOUR OFFICE AND OVER THE PHONE. THANK YOU, WIC, FOR HAVING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MOTHERS LIKE ME. IT TRULY CHANGED MY LIFE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORY.

Rachelle Universe: I WAS ABLE TO BREAST-FEED, BY THE WAY, FOR 18 MONTHS. [ APPLAUSE ]

Lea Lipscomb: GOOD EVENING, COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING TIME FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ABOUT THE BUDGET. MY NAME IS LEA LIPSCOMB, AND I'M A BREASTFEEDING COUNSELOR FROM WIC. MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS BEEN SO GENEROUS AND IT SHOWS IN OUR SUCCESSES. I'M HERE TODAY TO APPEAL TO YOU TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM WITH THE SAME FTE AS WE HAVE HAD OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. OUR PROGRAM HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY THE BUDGET CUTS IN FY 19. IT MAKES UP 1/6 OF OUR HOURS AS A TOTAL PROGRAM. A HALFTIME BREASTFEEDING PER COUNSELOR CARRIES A CASELOAD OF 120 FAMILIES MONTHLY. WITH THE PROPOSED REDUCTION, ALL THE PEER COUNSELORS WILL TAKE ON AN ADDITIONAL 20 TO 40 FAMILIES EXTRA A MONTH. WHEN THE WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR PROGRAM OPENED ITS DOORS IN 2011, WIC MOMS HAD A BREASTFEEDING INITIATION RATE OF 89%. IT'S INCREASED BY 1% EVERY YEAR SINCE OUR PROGRAM BEGAN AND NOW ARE THE SAME AS THE GENERAL POPULATION. IN 2017, WIC MOMS BREASTFEEDING INCREASED TO 47%. THIS SHOWS WE HAVE REDUCED THE BREASTFEEDING RATE DISPARITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY. ALL A NEW MOM NEEDS TO SUCCEED IN HER GOALS IS SUPPORT. THE INCREASE PER CASELOAD PER PEER COUNSELOR WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT IN THESE RATES. I GREW UP IN POVERTY AND MARRIED INTO THE MIDDLE CLASS. I WAS SURROUNDED BY THE SUPPORT OF MY HUSBAND'S FAMILY AND WAS AMAZED BY MY BIRTH AND BREASTFEEDING EXPERIENCES. WHEN I COMPARED THE STORY TO MY SISTERS BEFORE ME, I VOWED TO HELP BE PART OF THE CHANGE. MY FAMILY WAS UNABLE TO REACH OUT BECAUSE THEY'RE ALSO IN A HOLE. NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT CAPABLE OF CARING. IF 90% OF WOMEN WERE SUPPORTED IN FOLLOWING OPTIMAL BREASTFEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS, THE U.S. WOULD SAVE \$18.3 BILLION IN HEALTH CARE COSTS AND CAN PREVENT 4,000 PREMATURE DEATHS ANNUALLY. MUCH OF THE HEALTH CARE COSTS ARE IN WHAT AFFECTS MINORITY POPULATIONS AT A DISPROPORTIONATE RATE SUCH AS HEART DISEASE, DIABETES, ASTHMA, AND SIDS. SHOULD THAT BE A REASON TO CUT BACK ON SUPPORT? BREASTFEEDING IS THE ONE LIFELONG GIFT THAT LOW-INCOME MOMS CAN GIVE THEIR BABIES TO DECREASE DISPARITIES IF THEY HAVE GOOD SUPPORT. LET OUR BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR CONTINUE TO BE OUR CROWNING JEWEL. LET

MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND OREGON CONTINUE TO LEAD THE CHARGE. CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US IN SUPPORTING MOMS TOWARDS OPTIMAL BREASTFEEDING SUCCESSES.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING TONIGHT. HI.

Armando Gutierrez: COMMISSIONERS, GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. TO DO JUSTICE IS EASY. TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT IS REALLY HARD WORK, SO THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES. MY NAME IS ARMANDO GUTIERREZ. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE MORRISON CENTER OUTPATIENT SERVICES. I AM THE CURRENT DIRECTOR OF THE CROSS-CULTURAL RECONCILIATION CENTER AND CONSULTING GROUP. I HAVE PERSONALLY WITNESSED THE INTENSE THERAPEUTIC PROCESS THAT THESE YOUNG PERSONS AND THEIR FAMILIES GO AS THEY FACE THE UNACCEPTABLE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR THAT HAS LANDED THEM IN THE COUNSELING ROOM. I'VE BEEN IN THE ROOM WITH THEM AS AN INTERPRETER AND AS A CULTURAL CONSULTANT. THE REASONS OUR YOUTH FIND THEMSELVES IN NEED OF SUCH THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT ARE MULTIFACETED, BUT AT THE CORE IT IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT YET LEARNED TO SELF-GOVERN OR SOMEONE ALSO UNABLE TO SELF-GOVERN HAS ABUSED THEM. RECOVERY FROM SUCH ABUSE IS SLOW SINCE IT DEMANDS FACING THE TRUTH AND ACCEPTING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. IN OTHER WORDS, LEARNING TO BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF, WHICH WILL NATURALLY LEAD TO BECOMING HONEST WITH OTHERS. WITHOUT THIS FOUNDATIONAL STEP, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO LAY A TRUE FOUNDATION WHICH WILL SERVE THEM AND THEIR COMMUNITIES FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. THESE YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS AND THEIR FAMILIES UNDERGO THE PROCESS OF BRINGING PERSONAL AND SOMETIMES FAMILY SECRETS TO THE LIGHT AND FACING THEM FOR WHAT THEY ACTUALLY WERE. THIS IS HEART WRENCHING WORK, BUT WITHOUT THIS WORK, EMOTIONAL STABILITY AND SOCIETAL, CULTURAL REINTEGRATION IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. FACING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE EVENTS OF THEIR LIVES, THEIR PERSONAL DECISIONS, OR THE DECISIONS OF OTHERS AND HOW THOSE DECISIONS HAVE IMPACTED THEIR WORLD VIEW, THAT IS, THE WAY THEY VIEW THEMSELVES, THEIR BODIES, THEIR ETHICS, THEIR SENSE OF MEANING AND PURPOSE, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, THEIR INTERPRETIVE LENSES FOR LIFE PUTS THEM IN A POSITION TO BECOMING FREE FROM THE CRIPPLING EFFECTS OF ABUSE AND DELIVERS THEM FROM BECOMING ABUSERS THEMSELVES. ONCE THEY FACE THE TRUTH AND THE EFFECTS AND THE AFFECTS OF THEIR UNIQUE HISTORIES, IN ORDER TO HEAL, THEY MUST ALSO LEARN THE HEALING POWER OF FORGIVENESS, FORGIVING THEMSELVES AND THOSE WHO IN IGNORANCE OR WILLFUL PREMEDITATION HURT THEM. THERE WERE TIMES DURING THE WORK TAKING PLACE --

Chair Kafoury: I'M SORRY. CAN YOU JUST FINISH YOUR STATEMENT?

Armando Gutierrez: SURE. VERY FEW COUNSELING CENTERS PROVIDE THE KIND OF THERAPY WHICH IS REALLY TRANSFORMATIONAL.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING. YOU CAN GO FIRST, SENATOR.

Senator Kathleen Taylor: THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY. I'M STATE SENATOR KATHLEEN TAYLOR, AND I REPRESENT DISTRICT 21. SINCE I HAVE SERVED IN THE LEGISLATURE AND I HAVE CO-CHAIRLED THE STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE WORK GROUP ON SEX TRAFFICKING WE HAVE PASSED SEVERAL BILLS THAT HELP SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO PROSECUTE SEX OFFENDERS. A PART OF OUR WORK IS HEARING FROM THOSE DIRECTLY ON THE GROUND IN A WAY THAT KEEPS THE FOCUS ON HOLDING ACCOUNTABLE THOSE WHO SEEK TO SEXUALLY EXPLOIT VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS WHILE ANTICIPATING THOSE WHO SEEK TO LEAVE, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, THE LIFE. THE POSITION HAS BEEN INTEGRAL TO BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ADVOCACY AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND BUILDING TRUST AMONG SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING. THE CURRENT SERGEANT BRINGS FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THAT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED IN OUR LEGISLATIVE WORK GROUP. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BRINGING JUSTICE TO THE PERPETRATORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND ASSISTING ITS SURVIVORS. CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR THIS POSITION IN THE UPCOMING BUDGET. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING.

Jon Gramstad: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JON GRAMSTAD. NO NEED TO TAKE NOTES. I LEFT COPIES OF THIS WITH THE CLERK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Jon Gramstad: AS COMMISSIONERS, YOUR JOB IS TO CREATE COUNTY POLICIES AND APPROVE A BUDGET TO FUND THEM. AS SUCH, YOUR PRIMARY OBLIGATION TO COUNTY CITIZENS IS FIDUCIARY. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU FOUR QUESTIONS, WHICH NEED TO BE ANSWERED BEFORE YOU APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICE. FIRST, THE RECENT FOLLOW UP TO THE MCAS AUDIT HAS BEEN COMPLETED BUT NOT PUBLICLY RELEASED. HOW CAN YOU MAKE AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF THE RESULTS WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE RESULTS OF THAT AUDIT? FOR EXAMPLE, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR PUBLISHED THE RESULTS OF THE INITIAL APRIL 2016 ANIMAL SERVICES FINANCIAL AUDIT WITH THE FOLLOWING EDICT. ON THE COVER IN ALL CAPS, FOLLOWING SOUND FINANCIAL POLICIES. FUNDS DONATED TO MCAS WERE NOT BEING SPENT IN THE DONOR'S INTENDED PURPOSES AND COULD NOT BE TRACKED. GIVEN THEY'VE RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, IT IS CRUCIAL TO DETERMINE IF THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN CORRECTED. I'LL GIVE YOU A HINT. IT HAS NOT. SECOND, ANIMAL INTAKE NUMBERS, THE PRIMARY FACTOR IN DETERMINING AGENCY WORKLOAD HAS BEEN INCREASING DRAMATICALLY. 2017 JUST 5,600. HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY A 3% BUDGET INCREASE AND ADDED STAFF THE AGENCY IS QUESTIONING WHEN THE WORKLOAD HAS BEEN REDUCED? THE SALES OF PET LICENSES TO CREATING AN EASY AND FAIR SOURCE OF REVENUE, ALLOWING PET OWNERS TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES THEY VALUE. THEY PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THEIR GOAL OF SELLING 300,000 LICENSES ANNUALLY. WHY ARE LICENSING SALES NUMBERS PLUMMETING

AND WHY ARE YOU ALLOWING THIS MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING MANDATED BY THE LAWS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO BE LOST? FINALLY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONEY APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION IN FEDERAL YEAR 2015, WHICH GAVE MCAS \$700,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO PLAN AND DESIGN BUILDING MODIFICATIONS AND WHY IS THAT SAME AGENCY NOW ASKING FOR \$250,000 TO FUND A MASTER PLAN, WHICH ESSENTIALLY DUPLICATES THAT PROGRAM? I'M HERE BECAUSE I LOVE ANIMALS, BUT I WANT THE AGENCY TO PERFORM TO ITS HIGHEST STANDARDS. THIS BUDGET IS INDICATIVE OF AN AGENCY WITH SUBSTANDARD PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE, WHICH IS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF THE ANIMALS.

Chair Kafoury: VERY CLOSE. THANK YOU.

Deborah Olson: GOOD EVENING, BOARD. MY NAME IS DEBORAH OLSON. ALTHOUGH I'M A MEMBER OF BUS RIDERS UNIT, TENANT LEADER COUNSEL OF CAT, AND GRESHAM HOUSING FOR THE PEOPLE, I'M HERE TESTIFYING FOR MYSELF AS A RENTER AND A SENIOR RENTER IN EAST COUNTY, YOUR DISTRICT. BACK IN 2000, I ACTUALLY WORKED FOR THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO LEARN THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WENT ALL THE WAY UP TO MT. HOOD. ANYHOW, I AM ON MY SECOND RENT HIKE NOTICE FOR THIS YEAR. THE GRESHAM CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR MOVING EXTREMELY SLOW FOR RENTERS' PROTECTIONS. MANY OF MY NEIGHBORS, WHO ARE SENIORS, ARE HAVING TO CUT THEIR MEDICATIONS DOWN ALREADY AND PROBABLY GOING TO BE CUTTING THEM DOWN MORE WITH RENT HIKE. I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE GETTING THEM. 2.0 RAISE, THEIR RENTS ARE MORE THAN 10% NOW. THE BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET WHERE THE FAMILY UNITS ARE, AT LEAST ONE NEIGHBOR I'M AWARE OF HAS GOTTEN ALMOST A \$400 RENT HIKE. THAT'S A SPANISH PERSON. I THINK MULTNOMAH COUNTY MIGHT HAVE TO CONSIDER YOUR GROUP TO GIVE US RENTERS' PROTECTIONS WHEN THE REST OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY ISN'T KICKING IT IN. SALEM LET US DOWN LAST YEAR, BUT THOSE ARE MY CONCERNS. THERE NEEDS TO BE A POT OF MONEY FOR PEOPLE TO GET THEIR MEDICATIONS WHO CAN'T PAY FOR IT. SOME OF MY NEIGHBORS WITH THAT BIG 2.0 RAISE, THEY NOW HAVE TO PAY A \$30 COPAY TO THE DOCTORS. THEY HAVE CUT HALF THEIR VISITS OUT AND CANCELLED THEIR APPOINTMENTS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE \$30. I HAVE CONCERNS FOR SENIORS. HOUSING IS AN ISSUE. THE RENTS ARE GETTING JACKED UP BIG TIME. MINE IS OVER 10%, AND THERE'S NO RENTERS' PROTECTIONS HERE FOR ME IN GRESHAM. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT FAIRVIEW AND TROUTDALE AND STUFF. THERE'S NOTHING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CITY PEOPLE GOING TO DO, IF NOTHING. I'M ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER GETTING SOME MONEY ASIDE SO SOME OF THE SENIORS CAN GET THEIR MEDICATION AND SOME OF THE OTHER PEOPLE CAN GET THEIR MEDICATION. MY MOTHER WAS MENTALLY ILL. YOU DEFINITELY NEED TO KEEP THAT FUNDING. WE HAVE 1300 CHILDREN HOMELESS HERE IN GRESHAM NOW. THAT'S WAY TOO MANY. I CAN IMAGINE THEY'LL BE VISITING THE MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS REALLY SOON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Maria Fernanda Diaz Bonilla: HI. THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA FERNANDA DIAZ BONILLA. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. I AM A HEALTH AND

WELLNESS PROGRAM SPECIALIST AT LATINO NETWORK. WE'RE SEEKING FUNDING TO CREATE A MENTAL HEALTH POSITION. WE WILL OFFER CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC SERVICES. SERVICES WILL BUILD ON THE RESILIENCY OF OUR CULTURE WITH SUPPORTING EDUCATION THAT WILL REDUCE STIGMA AND HELP FAMILIES TO IDENTIFY EARLY SIGNS OF MENTAL ILLNESS. I STARTED RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT AGE 9. REALLY YOUNG. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO TALK WITH MY FAMILY ABOUT MY MENTAL HEALTH AND WHAT WAS GOING ON BECAUSE OF THE STIGMA AROUND MENTAL HEALTH. PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE THERAPY ARE MOST KNOWN AS CRAZY. THANKFULLY MY MOM WAS A BLACK SHEEP, SO THAT WAS NO ISSUE. SADLY, IT IS STILL AN ONGOING ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY. PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO GET THE SERVICES THEY NEED OR EVEN LOOK FOR THE SERVICES BECAUSE OF THE STIGMA. WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I WAS ATTENDING THERAPY IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND INTO HIGH SCHOOL AND ALREADY SEEING THE STIGMA WAS REAL AND ONGOING IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WENT TO A LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY HEALTH ACADEMY. SPEAKING UP HELPED ME COME OUT OF MY SHELL AND EMPOWERED ME TO SHARE MY STORY AND MY EXPERIENCE. I LEARNED DIFFERENT TYPES OF LEADERSHIP, HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR MYSELF IN THE SERVICES I WAS RECEIVING AND IN MY COMMUNITY. I LEARNED THAT MY STORY IS GOLDEN. I LEARNED HOW SHARING MY STORY NOT ONLY HELPED ME EMPOWER NOT ONLY MY MENTAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE BUT COULD HELP OTHERS ON THIS TOPIC OF MENTAL HEALTH. I BELIEVE EDUCATION IS A GREAT WAY TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS AND REDUCE STIGMA. THAT'S WHY I SPEAK IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY BECAUSE THERE'S A BIG NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION TO REDUCE THE STIGMA AROUND THE TOPIC, BY PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES. OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO ACCESS THE RESOURCES THEY NEED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING TONIGHT. YOU'RE UP.

Eric Lichtenhaler: I'M UP. HERE WE GO. BEFORE I INTRODUCE MYSELF, I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR ALLOWING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT MORRISON CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES OUTPATIENT PROGRAM, WHICH IS SERVING YOUNG CHILDREN WHO SEXUALLY ABUSE. MY NAME IS ERIC LICHTENTHALER. I HESITATE A BIT TO SAY THIS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO DATE MYSELF, BUT I WORKED AT THE MORRISON CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES IN THE LATE 80s AND EARLY 90s AS A FAMILY THERAPIST WITH THIS OUTPATIENT PROGRAM WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TONIGHT. IT WAS TRULY AMAZING I WAS ABLE TO DO THIS AS A 15-YEAR-OLD --

Chair Kafoury: HA HA.

Eric Lichtenhaler: DURING THIS TIME, I WROTE MY MASTER'S DEGREE THESIS ON CHILDREN WHO ABUSE. I WAS HOPING THE CHAIR WOULD ALLOW FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS TO READ MY THESIS TO YOU, BUT I REALIZE THAT'S NOT THE CASE, SO I WANT TO SHARE AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT FROM MY THESIS, WHICH IS A CALVIN AND HOBBS COMIC STRIP. CALVIN AND HOBBS ARE HERE. CALVIN IS SAYING NOTHING I DO IS MY FAULT. CALVIN CONTINUES, MY FAMILY IS DYSFUNCTIONAL AND MY PARENTS WON'T EMPOWER ME. CONSEQUENTLY, I'M NOT SELF-ACTUALIZED. CALVIN CONTINUES, MY BEHAVIOR IS ADDICTIVE. FUNCTIONING IN A

DISEASE OF PROCESS AND TOXIC CODEPENDENCY. FINALLY, HOBBS SAYS, ONE OF US NEEDS TO PUT HIS HEAD IN A BUCKET OF ICE WATER. CALVIN CONTINUES, I LOVE A CULTURE OF VICTIMHOOD. WE ARE TRULY AT AN HISTORICAL MOMENT WHERE WE HAVE SHIFTED FROM A CULTURE OF VICTIMHOOD TO A CULTURE WHERE POWERFUL SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE HAVE INSISTED THAT THEIR STORIES BE HEARD. I AM HUMBLLED BY THE "ME TOO" MOVEMENT. TOO OFTEN IN OUR CULTURE WE HAVE RELIED UPON VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE. I'M SURE YOU SEE WHERE I AM GOING WITH THIS. THE MORRISON'S PROGRAM ADVOCATES FOR THESE CHILDREN TO TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR SEXUAL ABUSIVE ACTIONS. THIS PROGRAM INVITES THE CHILDREN TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE IN THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS. WE NEED MORE PROGRAMS THAT WORK ON PREVENTING YOUNG BOYS FROM BECOMING MEN WHO SEXUALLY ABUSE, NOT LESS. IT IS A CRAZY ANALOGY, BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF BEFORE 9/11 SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE SPOKE UP AND SAID, I HAVE THIS REALLY CRAZY IDEA, LET'S PUT STEEL DOORS ON THE COCKPITS OF EVERY COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE. I'M QUITE SURE EVERYONE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT UP THE FACT OF HOW EXPENSIVE THIS WOULD BE AND HOW MUCH MONEY IT COULD COST TO MANUFACTURE THESE DOORS, TAKE THE PLANES OUT OF THE SKY. THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN THE BUDGET FOR SUCH A CRAZY IDEA. THIS PROGRAM IS A SPECIALIZED TREATMENT SERVICE. BEFORE THIS, I WORKED WITH OTHER CHILDREN AROUND ISSUES OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND TRAUMA, AND AT TIMES, THESE CHILDREN -- LET ME DO MY LAST STATEMENT, WHICH IS PLEASE FIND THE MONEY. I WANT TO SAY THAT I APPRECIATE THE JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAM FOR SUPPORTING AND COVERING THE COST OF THESE PROGRAMS OVER THE YEAR. I REALIZE THAT THIS PREVENTION PROGRAM DOES NOT NECESSARILY FIT INTO THE MISSION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE. PREVENTION PROGRAMS RARELY FIT INTO THE BUDGET. I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE TODAY BY SAYING PREVENTION SHOULD BE THE MISSION OF US ALL. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD EVENING.

Kevin Wright: GOOD EVENING, MADAME CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS KEVIN WRIGHT. IT IS MY HONOR TO BE HERE TONIGHT TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING FUNDING OF THE MORRISON'S OUTPATIENT PROGRAM. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ON THIS. I'M A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF OREGON. 11 YEARS I WAS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND 7 OF THOSE CURRENTLY AS A MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR. PRIOR TO THAT, I WAS A CHILD AND FAMILY COUNSELOR AT CLACKAMAS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH. BEFORE WORKING WITH CLACKAMAS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH, I WORKED FOR FIVE YEARS AS A FAMILY THERAPIST FOR THE COUNTERPOINT OUTPATIENT PROGRAM, WHICH PREPARED ME FOR SO MUCH OF MY FOLLOWING CAREER IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. IN THIS ATMOSPHERE OF TROUBLED YOUTH AND CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTRY, I BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUE TO FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM. COUNTERPOINT HAS DEVELOPED A UNIQUE AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT DELIVERY SYSTEM OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO HAVE ACTED OUT SEXUALLY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THESE AGGRESSIVE SEXUAL ACTS NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES. TREATMENT FOR THESE CHILDREN REQUIRE HIGHLY-SKILLED TREATMENT PROVIDERS, WHICH THIS OUTPATIENT PROGRAM HAS

PROVIDED FOR DECADES. THEY PROVIDE AND FOSTER A FRAMEWORK OF COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS FOR THEIR CLIENTS, WHICH INCLUDES COMMUNICATION WITH THE YOUTH, THEIR FAMILIES, SCHOOL STAFF, THEIR JUVENILE COURT COUNSELORS, CASEWORKERS AS WELL AS WITH THE VICTIMS AND THEIR TREATMENT PROVIDERS IF THAT IS WANTED AND WARRANTED. AS I WRAP UP MY SUPPORT FOR COUNTERPOINT, I WANT TO SHARE A QUICK STORY THAT ILLUSTRATES HOW IT REDUCES FAMILY HISTORIES OF INTERGENERATIONAL PATTERNS OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND TRAUMA. WHEN I WAS EMPLOYED WITH COUNTERPOINT, I WAS WORKING WITH AN AUNT WHO WAS FOSTERING HER 6 OR 7-YEAR-OLD NEPHEW. HE WAS A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND TRAUMA FROM FAMILY AND ACTED OUT ON A YOUNGER CHILD. THE BOY WENT OVER TO AN OLD PHONE THAT I HAD WITH SOME OTHER TOYS. OUT OF THE BLUE, HE PICKED IT UP LIKE IT WAS RINGING. I ASKED HIM WHO WAS CALLING. HE SAID, IT'S THE RED DEVIL. I ASKED HIM WHAT THE RED DEVIL WANTED. HE SAID, THE VOICE SAYS HE WANTS ME TO TOUCH SOMEONE. THE BOY WENT ON TO TELL THE RED DEVIL THAT HE WANTED HIM OUT OF HIS LIFE, TO STOP BUGGING HIM, AND THAT HE DIDN'T WANT TO TOUCH KIDS ANYMORE. THE BOY GAVE THE PHONE TO HIS AUNT AND SAID THE RED DEVIL WANTED TO TALK TO HER AND THEN TO ME. WE WERE ABLE TO RELAY MESSAGES OF SAFETY, CARE, AND SUPPORT TO THAT YOUNG BOY WHO WENT ON TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE HIS TREATMENT. THIS IS ONE SMALL STORY OF HEALING, HELPING, AND HOPE. PLEASE CONSIDER THE ONGOING FUNDING OF THIS PROGRAM.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Scott Brown: MY NAME IS SCOTT BROWN. I'M THE CLINICAL MANAGER FOR THE MORRISON CHILD AND FAMILY COUNTERPOINT OUTPATIENT PROGRAM WHERE I'VE WORKED FOR THE PAST 23 YEARS. I'M HERE TONIGHT IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH THAT WE SERVE. I'M HERE TONIGHT TO ASK THE BOARD TO NOT CUT THE FUNDING TO THE COUNTERPOINT OUTPATIENT PROGRAM'S MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION, THAT OF CHILDREN 4 TO 12 YEARS OLD, AS HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN MOST RECENT PROJECTED BUDGET PROPOSAL. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF A 6-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO WAS ON MY CASELOAD I WILL NEVER FORGET AND FOR WHOM I AM RESPONSIBLE TO SPEAK AS SHE IS NOT ABLE. WE WILL CALL HER AMY, THOUGH THAT IS HER NOT HER NAME. SHE SUSTAINED EARLY TRAUMA AND ABUSE BEFORE SHE WAS ABLE TO TALK. SOME OF THIS ABUSE WAS SEXUAL AND LEFT TO CONFUSION IN HER LIFE, SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO DEAL WITH ALONE. THIS LED TO BEHAVIOR AT SCHOOL WHERE AMY ASKED OTHER CHILDREN TO LOOK AT THE MOST PRIVATE PARTS OF HER BODY AND TRY TO HAVE THEM SHARE THEIRS. SHE WAS IMMEDIATELY SEPARATED FROM PLAYING WITH OTHER CHILDREN AND LABELED AS THOUGH SHE WERE AN ADULT CONVICTED OF A SEXUAL CRIME. THE ADULTS SURROUNDING AMY WERE TRYING TO SUPPORT HER AND KEEP HER SAFE BUT DID NOT KNOW HOW TO DO THIS EFFECTIVELY. AMY WAS THEN REFERRED TO COUNTERPOINT OUTPATIENT FOR SPECIALIZED TREATMENT SERVICES. AMY, WHO WAS LIVING IN HER FIFTH FOSTER PLACEMENT, BEGAN A YEARLONG JOURNEY WITH THE COUNTERPOINT CLINICAL TEAM. THERE WERE GOOD DAYS AND THEN THERE WERE THOSE SPENT UNDER A TABLE REMEMBERING HER OWN ABUSE. THROUGH ALL THIS, AMY OFTEN HAD A HESITANT SMILE ON HER FACE AND A LIGHT BEHIND HER EYES THAT REMINDS US OF THE STRENGTH OF THOSE CHILDREN WE SERVE. SHE LEARNED HEALTHY

SEXUAL BOUNDARIES AS WELL AS HOW TO DEAL WITH HER PAST TRAUMA AND ANXIOUS FEELINGS. AMY LEFT THE COUNTERPOINT PROGRAM APPROXIMATELY A YEAR LATER, CELEBRATING HER HARD WORK BY EATING CAKE WITH SPRINKLES AND APPLE JUICE. SHE DISCONTINUED ACTING OUT IN SEXUALLY HURTFUL WAYS AND BEGAN TALKING ABOUT SEXUAL FEELINGS WITH HER FOSTER MOTHER AND THERAPIST. SHE WAS MAINTAINING IN THE SAME FOSTER HOME SHE ARRIVED IN. AMY WAS LUCKY SHE RECEIVED THE SERVICES SHE DESPERATELY NEEDED. THE STATISTICS FOR THOSE CHILDREN UNABLE TO RECEIVE SUCH SERVICES ARE ALL TOO OFTEN LEADING TO CONTINUING HARM TO OTHERS AND INCREASED DELINQUENCY. I ASK THAT YOU REVERSE THE PROPOSED FUNDING CUT IN ORDER TO CONTINUE COUNTERPOINT OUTPATIENT. THIS IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WILL BE REWARDED THROUGH HEALTHY CHILDREN AND A REDUCTION IN FUTURE VICTIMS. IT HAS BEEN MY JOB THIS EVENING TO SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT, AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Dixie Stevens: GOOD EVENING. I'M DIXIE STEVENS. I THINK I'M THE CLOSER ON THE MORRISON GROUP HERE. WE'VE HAD PEOPLE -- CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME. WE'VE HAD PEOPLE AT THE LAST COUPLE OF HEARINGS. THE ONE WHO STANDS UP FOR ME IS THE MOM WHO SAID I'M THE MOM OF AN 8-YEAR-OLD WHO SEXUALLY ACTED OUT. WE DON'T ASK OUR FAMILIES TO DO THIS. SHE VOLUNTEERED. SORRY. I'M GOING TO LOSE IT. THIS SERVICE MEANS A LOT TO THIS COMMUNITY. AND FOR \$100,000, IT IS A HUGELY GREAT INVESTMENT FOR YOU TO MAKE TO REPLACE THE FUNDING THAT WE'RE LOSING AND TO KEEP THIS GOING. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH SEVERAL OF YOU ABOUT THIS, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I ALSO WANT TO BARGAIN A LITTLE BIT. I'M KIND OF IN THE STAGES OF DEATH, DYING, GRIEF, AND LOSS AND THOSE SORT OF THINGS. I UNDERSTAND IT'S GOING TO BE WORSE. I GET THAT. I UNDERSTAND THAT. WE WILL DO OUR DARNEDEST TO FIGURE OUT HOW DHS AND OTHER FUNDERS CAN COME TO THE TABLE WITH US AND FIGURE OUT AN ALTERNATIVE CREATIVE WAY TO DO THIS BECAUSE THESE ARE THEIR KIDS TOO. DCJ, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DCJ WHO HAS SUPPORTED THIS FOR ALL THESE YEARS, BUT WE NEED TIME. IF WE DON'T HAVE THAT TIME, THEN IT'S OVER. SIX WEEKS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING TONIGHT. HI, GOOD EVENING.

William Miller: FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS WILLIAM MILLER. I SERVE AS THE FUTURE GENERATION'S COLLABORATIVE POLICY COORDINATOR. THE FGC WORKS TO HEAL THE HEALTH OF OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS. TO THIS, MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE AT THE LAST CULTURE NIGHT PREPARING A SALMON FEED AND ARE ECHOING THE SAME SENTIMENTS AISLE SHARE TONIGHT. WE COMBINE THE VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES. THE NATIVE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, THE NATIVE COMMUNITY, AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. WE'RE COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF URBAN COMMUNITIES THROUGH OUR TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE APPROACH. WE SEEK TO LIFT UP AND SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH A MULTIMODAL PROCESS OF EDUCATION -- AND I WOULD LIKE TO PAUSE AND THANK THE CHAIR FOR ATTENDING OUR IMPACT SUMMIT A FEW WEEKS AGO. THE FGC IMPACTS OUR

MEMBERS TO STEER THE WORK WE DO, ENSURING ONGOING TRUST BETWEEN THE COLLABORATIVE AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. OUR ELDERS AND NATURAL HELPERS ARE AN INVALUABLE ASSET TO THE FGC. ON BEHALF OF THE COLLABORATIVE, WE ASK THAT THE COUNTY MAINTAIN THE CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL OF FUNDING SO WE'RE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE HEALING OF OUR COMMUNITY IN FUTURE GENERATIONS. OUR COMMUNITY CAN'T WAIT FOR TOMORROW. OUR COMMUNITY IS TODAY. WE NEED TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THE HEALING OF OUR COMMUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS.

Roberta Eaglehorse-Ortiz: HI. GOOD EVENING. I'M ROBERTA EAGLEHORSE-ORTIZ. I'VE BEEN IN PORTLAND FOR 21 YEARS. GOOD EVENING, CHAIR KAFOURY, AND THANK YOU, SHARON, FOR COMING TO THE SUMMIT WITH US. IT WAS A GREAT AMAZING EXPERIENCE TO HAVE SO MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SERVE OUR PEOPLE AND HAVE BEEN SERVING OUR PEOPLE COME TOGETHER TO ACTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES. THROUGH OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FUNDING THAT WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE RISEN AS A COMMUNITY, AND IT'S GIVEN US SUCH A FOUNDATION TO HAVE FUTURE GENERATION COLLABORATIVE ELEVATING THE WORK. I'M A DOULA MYSELF. I SEE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES ON HOW WE'VE BEEN LIFTED UP AS COMMUNITY HEALTH MEMBERS AND ELEVATE THE WORK. WE SEE THE DISPARITIES AND WE LOOK AT IT AS A STRENGTHS-BASED DIRECTIVE OF HOW WE CAN BE A PART OF THIS CHANGE. IT'S BEEN SUPER IMPORTANT TO SEE THAT -- I'M HEARING EVERYBODY AND THEIR TESTIMONIES. IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WRAPS AROUND US AS A WHOLE. I'M HEARING AND RELATING TO ALL THESE THINGS. JUST BEING PART OF THE FUTURE GENERATION'S COLLABORATIVE, IT JUST ALLOWED ME TO OPEN MY EYES AND MY HEART TO SAY HOW CAN I BRING MY OWN TALENTS AND MY CULTURE AND HEALING FOR MYSELF TO BE A STRONG COMMUNITY MEMBER TO BE ENLIGHTENED BY THIS COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE IN. I SEE ALL THESE LEVELS OF HOMELESSNESS, ALL THESE THINGS. IT COMES DOWN TO FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER AND ACCEPTING THAT, HEALING THROUGH THAT, AND PARTNERING THROUGH COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SERVING OUR PEOPLE, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE DOING NO HARM. LET'S WRAP AROUND TOGETHER AND JUST BE UPLIFTED AND DO GOOD WORK. THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME AND TO CONTINUE THE FUNDING. WE WILL DELIVER AS WE HAVE BEEN, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR GREATNESS AND JUST KEEP PUSHING FORWARD WITH TRADITION, CULTURE, COLLABORATION, AND ENLIGHTENMENT WITH THESE ISSUES. WE WANT TO THINK OF IT AS WE'RE GIFTED WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP LOOKING AT OUR CHILDREN AND OUR ELDERS. OUR ELDERS ARE WATCHING WHAT WE'RE DOING. AFTER ALL OF THAT, WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL AND KNOW THAT THE HEALING GOES THERE AND DOWNWARD TO OUR CHILDREN. IT IS OUR PERSONAL WORK AND INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY AND HONESTY WITH OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITY OF WHAT WE'RE DOING AND GIVING THAT TRANSPARENCY AND THEN HEARING FROM THE COUNTY AND KNOWING THAT WE WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS CHANGE AND THAT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT. IT BUILDS A TIGHT-KNIT COMMUNITY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN OUR PLACE. WE

DO HAVE COMMUNITY THAT ARE CELEBRATING, BUT IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE HERE AND ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD EVENING.

Charlotte Bad Cob: GOOD EVENING. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS CHARLOTTE BAD COB. I'M A LAKOTA. TO EXPRESS MY NAME TO YOU IS AN HONOR OF YOU AND RESPECT. WHAT IT MEANS IS GOOD EAGLE WOMAN. I'M A MEMBER OF THE TRIBE LOCATED IN PINE RIDGE SOUTH DAKOTA, BUT I'VE BEEN A PART OF THE PORTLAND COMMUNITY FOR OVER 40 YEARS. I SERVE AS A NATURAL HELPER WITH THE FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATION. I'VE BEEN PART OF THE FGC SINCE THE BEGINNING AND THE EARLY STAGES OF ITS DEVELOPMENT. I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF BEING A PART OF THE COLLABORATION, A BEAUTIFUL COLLABORATION, TO BE A PART OF THE HEALING THAT'S GOING ON. THE FGC HAS GIVEN ME A VOICE, A VOICE TO EXPRESS MYSELF AND TO BE HEARD. IT HAS PROVIDED ME A SAFE PLACE TO LEARN AND TO GROW. A LOT OF -- SINCE BEING A PART OF THE FGC, I HAVE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT MYSELF AND THE COMMUNITY THAT I'M IN. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE SEE IN THE FGC, WHICH IS HEAL PEOPLE, HEAL PEOPLE, AND HURT PEOPLE HURT PEOPLE. THAT WAS A LENS THAT WAS GIVEN TO US AS A TOOL TO OBSERVE THOSE AROUND US. THROUGH THAT TRAUMA LENS, WE'RE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND, UNDERSTAND OUR COMMUNITY, THE TRAUMA, AND HOW THAT TRAUMA AFFECTS OUR BEHAVIORS. IT DOES PLAY A BIG PART OF MY LIFE. BEFORE THE FGC, I FELT KIND OF HELPLESS BECAUSE I KNEW THERE WAS ALL THESE PROBLEMS IN OUR COMMUNITY. JUST LOOKING AT THE PROBLEMS INDIVIDUALLY MAKE THEM SEEM HUGE. SOME WE CAN'T DO INDIVIDUALLY. BUT AS THE FGC, THEY HAVE GIVEN ME THE SUPPORT TO BE ABLE TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR ORGANIZATION IS ABOUT. CONTINUED FUNDING OF OUR PROGRAM WILL MEAN THAT WE WILL CONTINUE DOING THE AWESOME WORK OF THE FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATION AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HEALING OPPORTUNITIES ALSO FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE FGC IS THE ANSWER TO BUILDING BRIDGES AMONGST NATIVE AND NONNATIVE COMMUNITIES THROUGH OUR TRAININGS AND UNDERSTANDING. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Noah: GOOD EVENING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TONIGHT. I'M NOAH. I REPRESENT MUNICIPAL BROADBAND PDX, A GROUP ADVOCATING FOR PUBLICLY-OWNED NETWORKS IN PORTLAND. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT STARTED BUILDING A BROADBAND NETWORK IN 2008. THEY WERE THE FIRST CITY IN THE U.S. TO PROVIDE THOSE SPEEDS AND OUR OWN PRIVATE SECTOR INTERNET PROVIDERS ARE JUST CATCHING UP TEN YEARS LATER. CHATTANOOGA HAS SINCE DEPLOYED 10 GIGABYTE INTERNET SERVICE. THEY CLAIM MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN ECONOMIC BENEFITS, INCLUDING 5,000 NEW JOBS FROM THEIR INVESTMENT OF ABOUT \$110 MILLION. TODAY, MAY 16th, THE CITY OF HILLSBORO SAID YES TO MUNICIPAL BROADBAND. THEY EXPECT RESIDENTIAL FEES TO BE \$50 PER MONTH OR \$10 PER MONTH FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. JUSTIFYING THEIR DECISION, HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL STATED THAT HAVING ACCESS TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT TO LIVING IN THE 21st CENTURY. AS MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS OF EAST PORTLAND, GRESHAM, AND EAST COUNTY HAVE FOUND OUR INCUMBENT INTERNET

PROVIDERS HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN FAIR BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT. HILLSBORO WILL OFFER 10 GIGABYTE SPEED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE. IT IS A STRAIGHTFORWARD INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT THAT IS PRACTICALLY GUARANTEED TO BENEFIT EACH AND EVERY RESIDENT AND BUSINESS IN OUR COMMUNITY BOTH IN SIMPLE ECONOMIC TERMS AS WELL AS IN FUTURE OPPORTUNITY. I'M HERE TODAY TO IMPORE YOU TO ALLOCATE \$150,000 TO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR BROADBAND SERVICE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS WOULD GIVE US THE TOOLS TO START BUILDING A NETWORK THAT ACCOMMODATES ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

J.R. Lilly: [ SPEAKING IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE ]. IN ENGLISH, THAT TRANSLATES TO GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS J.R. LILLY. I'M PART OF THE WATER CLAN BORN OF THE CLIFF-DWELLING PEOPLE. MY MOTHER'S FATHER IS PART OF THE WATER CLAN AS WELL. MY FATHER'S FATHER IS PART OF THE EDGEWATER PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY COMMUNITY. WE HAVE A GREAT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY, THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE IN GENERAL, NOT JUST OUR ORGANIZATION. WE'RE VERY MUCH APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY, SUCH AS MENTIONED IN EARLIER TESTIMONY WITH THE FGC AND WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER. MY COLLEAGUES HERE WILL SPEAK MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE MANY PROGRAMS WE PARTNER WITH AND HOW WE WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A SAFER AND A BETTER PLACE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS TO LIVE AND WORK HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. JUST TO MENTION A FEW, WE DO PARTNER ON HELPING OUR ELDERS OUT TOGETHER. LORETTA SMITH HAS COME OUT AND SAT WITH US AND TALKED WITH US. WE APPRECIATE THAT. WE APPRECIATE THE CONTINUING SERVICES FOR HELPING OUR ELDERS SO THEY HAVE PROGRAMS WHERE THEY CAN BE WHO THEY ARE BUT AS WELL AS LEARN TAI CHI. WE ALSO HAVE DIFFERENT YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAMS. MY BROTHER, FOUR YEARS AGO, CAME UP TO LIVE WITH ME. WHEN HE WAS IN PHOENIX, THE STUDENTS THERE WERE MAKING FUN OF HIM. THEY WERE CALLING HIM A DIRTY INDIAN. AS SOON AS HE CAME UP HERE, HE CONNECTED IN OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS ABLE TO HAVE A YOUTH ADVOCATE THAT REALLY HELPED HIM OUT, DEVELOPED WHO HE WAS AS A PERSON CULTURALLY AS WELL AS JUST AS AN INDIVIDUAL. HE'S ON HIS WAY TO A BIG BRIGHTER FUTURE, SO I'M VERY EXCITED FOR THAT. THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US ON THAT. WITH MANY SUPPORT SERVICES WE OFFER TO HOUSING OUR VETERANS AND KEEPING FOLKS WITH RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, THESE PROGRAMS ARE GREAT INDIVIDUALLY BY THEMSELVES. BUT WHEN WE APPROACH THEM TOGETHER WITH A WRAPAROUND SERVICE MODEL, ONE FAMILY CAN RECEIVE MULTIPLE SERVICES. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SEEING, AND THAT'S THE IMPACT THAT'S MAKING THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN WE'RE ALLOWED TO HAVE ALL THESE SERVICES WORK TOGETHER AND WRAP AROUND A FAMILY, WE'RE ABLE TO SEE THAT FAMILY COME OUT OF POVERTY AND BECOME VERY SUCCESSFUL. IT IS THANKS TO YOUR PARTNERSHIP. WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR FUNDING LEVEL REMAINING THE SAME BECAUSE WE'RE ALL DOING A GREAT JOB, BUT IT IS JUST A START. WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE VERY THANKFUL FOR THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY. WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE FUNDING. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ashley Oakley: CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS ASHLEY OAKLEY. I'M THE EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICY ADVOCATE. MY DEPARTMENT IS FAMILY SERVICES, SO I INTERACT WITH ALL KINDS OF AMAZING FAMILIES. I WANTED TO THANK YOU SPECIFICALLY FOR SUPPORTING CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING. THAT IS WHY WE'RE SUCCESSFUL, AND THAT'S WHY FAMILIES KEEP COMING BACK TO US. THAT'S WHY WE'RE A FAMILY MORE THAN JUST A PLACE TO GO GET SERVICES. WE PROVIDE SUPPORT TO FAMILIES WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, PROGRAMS LIKE RAPID REHOUSING AND SAFETY OFF THE STREETS, WIC IS DEFINITELY ONE OF THE FAVORITES. I JUST WANT TO ECHO WHAT J.R. WAS SAYING ABOUT THE WRAPAROUND SERVICE MODEL AND HOW SUCCESSFUL THAT IS AND HOW IT CREATES THIS COMFORTABLE PLACE FOR FAMILIES TO COME. IT IS A ONE-STOP SHOP THAT HELPS REDUCE STRESS FOR OUR FAMILIES. WE HAVE AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE, ACCESS TO EARLY LEARNING. I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THE TASK FORCE THAT WAS SET UP. I MEAN THAT REALLY SOLVES A LOT OF PROBLEMS THAT OUR FAMILIES WITH LITTLE ONES ARE HAVING. YEAH, TOGETHER I FEEL LIKE THAT WOULD REALLY ADDRESS SOME OF THE WIDENING OPPORTUNITY GAPS THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING. IN ENDING, JUST THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE NATIVE COMMUNITY AND CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. IT MEANS A LOT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Tamera Henderson: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND FOR YOUR SERVICE. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS TAMERA HENDERSON. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND EDUCATION SERVICES, WHICH HOUSES ABOUT 45 STAFF MEMBERS AT THE ORGANIZATION. OUR DEPARTMENT SERVES MORE THAN 1,000 YOUTH PER YEAR, POSITIVELY IMPACTING THE LIVES OF NOT JUST THOSE YOUTH BUT THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL THROUGH THE WRAPAROUND SERVICES THAT YOU HEARD MY COLLEAGUES TALK ABOUT. WE PROVIDE AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 80,000 HOURS OF SERVICE EACH YEAR THROUGH CAMPS, COLLEGE AND CAREER SERVICES, GANG OUTREACH NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH GANG PREVENTION THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THE COUNTY, HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES, AND OTHER SERVICES SUCH AS YOUTH ADVOCACY. WE HAVE TWO SON SIGHTS AMONG OTHER THINGS. WE ARE THE RECIPIENT OF SEVERAL FUNDING STREAMS, AND WE CONTINUE TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR OUR FUNDS. WE'RE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WRAPAROUND SERVICES. WE DO KNOW THEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH ADVOCACY FUNDS AND ENSURING MORE NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH HAVE MORE ACCESS TO THOSE SERVICES. THEY CAN MEET PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS. 91% OF YOUTH INVOLVED REPORT IMPROVED SELF-ESTEEM AND 85% HAVE AN IMPROVED SENSE OF CULTURE IDENTITY, WHICH ARE OUTCOMES WE KNOW ARE POSITIVELY IMPACTING SCHOOL SUCCESS, INCREASED YOUTH RESILIENCE, AND REDUCED DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE. I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP FOR THE SUPPORT IN CONTINUING THE GANG PREVENTION PROGRAM.

WHILE IT IS A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN SERVICES, THIS PROGRAM THAT TARGETS 11 TO 18-YEAR-OLD NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH THAT ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR INVOLVEMENT IN GANGS, THIS PROGRAM USES CULTURE AS A CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY THAT WE KNOW REALLY WORKS. YOU'LL HEAR FROM OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS. YOU HAVE HEARD FROM SOME, I SHOULD SAY, ABOUT THE POSITIVE IMPACTS OF THE SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY. AGAIN, WE THANK YOU ONCE MORE. I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONTINUE PRIORITIZING THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM BY PRIORITIZING THE FUNDING FOR THIS COMMUNITY. WE HAVE A SALMON BAKE. I'M GOING TO GO TO THAT TO SUPPORT OUR STAFF.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Oscar Arana: GOOD EVENING, MADAME CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS OSCAR ARANA. I HAVE THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAIR KAFOURY FOR YOUR WIN LAST NIGHT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU. CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMISSIONER SMITH AS YOU CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD ON SUCH AN HISTORIC ELECTION. WE GREATLY VALUE OUR STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AS WE COLLABORATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. HOWEVER, AS OUR PARTNERSHIP HAS GROWN, IT HAS CREATED SOME SPECIFIC CHALLENGES, PARTICULARLY WITH OUR BANK ACCOUNT. WE WANT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING CRITICAL WRAPAROUND SERVICES, BUT UNLESS WE HAVE SOME SYSTEMS CHANGE, WE'LL BE FORCED TO MAKE SOME VERY DIFFICULT CHOICES. THE SPECIFIC CHANGES WE'RE REQUESTING ARE: A FASTER, MORE STREAMLINED CONTRACTING PROCESS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR, A 50% CASH ADVANCE IN OUR CONTRACTS, PARTICULARLY WITH OUR MOBILE HOUSING AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACTS, AND A LARGER INVESTMENT IN MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. NAYA ONLY HAD ONE CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OR ONLY ONE PUBLIC FUNDER THIS WOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE FOR OUR ORGANIZATION, BUT THE REALITY IS WE ARE PRIMARILY FUNDED BY PUBLIC CONTRACTS. WHEN OUR CONTRACTS ARE TAKING MONTHS TO FINALIZE AND WHEN INVOICING TAKES ANOTHER MONTH OR TWO, IT COULD BE ABOUT THREE OR MORE MONTHS BEFORE ANY CASH ACTUALLY HITS OUR BANK ACCOUNT. THIS CREATES A CASH FLOW STRAIN FOR OUR ORGANIZATION. AS OUR FINANCIAL TOOLS HAVE BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED, WE CAN FORECAST BETTER. UNLESS THE COUNTY MAKES SOME OF THE CHANGES WE ARE REQUESTING, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO CONTINUE DELIVERING CRITICAL HOUSING AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. WE'RE NOT ALONE IN THIS CHALLENGE. MANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU PARTNER WITH ARE FACING SIMILAR CASH FLOW PROBLEMS, AND WE HAVE COLLECTIVELY IDENTIFIED THE SOLUTIONS I JUST PRESENTED. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT ONE OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS IS ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH US AS A LIAISON ON THIS MATTER SO WE CAN HAVE A SOLUTION IN PLACE BY THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: MADAME CHAIR, SOME OF THESE CONCERNS THAT THEY BROUGHT UP ABOUT THE STREAMLINING OF OUR CONTRACTS, I TALKED TO OUR CFO ABOUT THAT A FEW MONTHS AGO AND ASKED FOR SOME OF OUR FISCAL POLICIES TO BE CHANGED WITH THIS NEW BUDGET CYCLE. IT WASN'T, SO IT IS REALLY GOOD TO HEAR FOLKS SAY FROM THE COMMUNITY THAT THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T JUST IMPACT ONE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION. AS WE SAW LAST YEAR, I THINK THERE ARE MANY ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE THE SAME THING. THEY HAVE A LOT OF OUR MONEY, SO IT IS TAKING A LONG TIME. I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO WORK ON THIS BECAUSE I'VE GONE ON DEAF EARS ON THIS AND THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

Chair Kafoury: IT'S NOT GONE ON DEAF EARS. THE STAFF ARE WORKING ON IT RIGHT NOW.

Commissioner Smith: HE SAID HE WANTED SOMEONE TO WORK ON IT SO SOMEONE IS ALREADY WORKING ON IT?

Chair Kafoury: YES.

Commissioner Smith: IT IS GOOD TO SEE SOMEONE WORKING ON IT.

Chair Kafoury: HAVE FUN AT THE SALMON BAKE. DAVID, YOU CAN BEGIN.

David Rogers: THANK YOU. CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS DAVID ROGERS. I'M HERE TO DELIVER A JOINT LETTER FROM THE ACLU OF OREGON, THE OREGON JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER, PARTNERS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE, AND UNITE OREGON. TOGETHER WE HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE CURRENT DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET. BUDGETS SHOULD BE A REFLECTION OF OUR VALUES AND VISION FOR WHAT KIND OF OUTCOMES WE WANT IN OUR COMMUNITY. BUT WHEN LOOKING AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET, THE VALUES AND VISION ARE MURKY AT BEST. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT WAYS THAT WE CAN IMPROVE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET TO BETTER REFLECT THE VALUES THAT WE WANT EMBODIED IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, VALUES LIKE FAIRNESS, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND A SHARP FOCUS ON PUBLIC SAFETY. THE CURRENT DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET FOCUSES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES, LIKE THE NUMBER OF CASES ISSUED, THE NUMBER OF CASES REVIEWED AND RESOLVED. SUCH PERFORMANCE MEASURES ARE ENTIRELY INADEQUATE TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITIES OF THE ROUGHLY \$35 MILLION DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET. PROSECUTORS SHOULD NOT BE EVALUATED ON THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT THEY PROCESS BUT RATHER ON THE QUALITY OF THE OUTCOMES OF THEIR WORK. THERE IS NOT A SINGLE OUTPUT, OUTCOME, OR PERFORMANCE MEASURE WITHIN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET THAT EXPLICITLY FOCUSES ON REDUCING RACIAL DISPARITY OR INCREASING EQUITY AND INCLUSION, AND THAT IS TROUBLING TO SAY THE LEAST. WE KNOW THAT WE CAN DO BETTER BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE HAS ACTUALLY A RANGE OF EXPLICIT PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DCJ BUDGET SPECIFICALLY TRACKS AND REPORTS ON THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THEIR HIRING POOLS. MEANWHILE THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES SECTION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BUDGET HAS ONLY ONE OUTCOME, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE PAYING THEIR BILLS ON TIME. THIS IS A SHARP AND CONCERNING CONTRAST. LIKEWISE, PERFORMANCE MEASURES LIKE REDUCING RECIDIVISM WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET. IT IS AN OUTCOME THAT IS FOCUSED ON SHARPLY INCREASING PUBLIC SAFETY BUT ALSO HELPING PEOPLE REBUILD THEIR LIVES. YET THE SALIENT PUBLIC SAFETY GOAL IS ABSENT FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET. WE HAVE SHARED AN IN-DEPTH MEMO WITH YOUR OFFICES ON THIS TOPIC, AND WHAT I'M SHARING TONIGHT JUST SCRATCHES THE SURFACE. WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU WORK WITH US SO THIS TIME NEXT YEAR WE HAVE IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET A SET OF METRICS THAT MUCH BETTER REFLECTS THE KIND OF MOVEMENT THAT WE WANT TO BE MOVING TOWARDS IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, REDUCING RACIAL DISPARITY, INCREASING FAIRNESS, AND CLEARLY DEMONSTRATING STRATEGIES PROVEN TO HELP BUILD SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOR ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Kate Gonsalves: GOOD EVENING. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS KATE GONSALVES. I'M THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR AT THE OREGON JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER. IT IS SO NICE TO SEE EACH OF YOU. TONIGHT, I'M ACTUALLY NOT HERE TO ASK FOR ANY MONEY. I'M HERE TO ELEVATE TWO IMPORTANT ISSUES. ONE IS DECREASING OUR RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION IN ORDER TO FUND ALL OF THESE IMPORTANT COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AND THE OTHER IS TO ECHO THE STATEMENTS THAT DAVID JUST MADE AND TO SUPPORT THIS NEW EFFORT. ON THE FIRST POINT, YOU-ALL ARE WELL AWARE THAT THE TREMENDOUS HUMAN AND FISCAL COST OF INCARCERATION IS NOT CONFINED TO THE JAIL CELL. IT IS REFLECTED IN ALL OF THESE GROUPS THAT ARE HERE TONIGHT BEGGING FOR BREADCRUMBS OF MONEY AND CONTINUED DIVESTMENT IN THESE PREVENTIVE UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS, AND SO TOO OFTEN IT IS THESE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THAT ARE CYCLING FROM THE STREETS TO OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS TO OUR JAILS AND BACK AGAIN WITHOUT ANY OF US EVEN ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES TO BEGIN WITH. MOVING FORWARD, THE COUNTY IS STARTING TO TAKE MORE HOLISTIC AND SMARTER APPROACHES. I JUST REALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE PROGRESS YOU-ALL HAVE MADE UNDER THE McARTHUR FOUNDATION GRANT AND REALLY RECOGNIZE THAT IT TOOK POLITICAL COURAGE TO SHUTTER JAIL DORMS AND SHIFT THOSE COST SAVINGS TO SMARTER APPROACHES SUCH AS L.E.A.D., HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS THAT ARE PREBOOKING DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT STILL HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE BUT MORE EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES. AMONGST THE NATIONAL FEAR MONGERING THAT'S COMING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, I REALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE PROGRESS THAT'S BEEN MADE. AND I HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO STAND TALL AGAINST THE POLITICAL PRESSURES THAT ARE GOING TO PRESS ON YOU TO START ROLLING BACK THE PROGRESS YOU'VE MADE. SECONDLY, WITH THE RECOGNITION THAT THESE PUBLIC BUDGETS REALLY DO REFLECT OUR SOCIETAL PRIORITIES, WE LEND OUR SUPPORT TO THIS ACLU INITIATIVE TO SET A HIGHER BAR FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET IN CREATING NEW MEASURES THAT MORE HOLISTICALLY ASSESS THE COMMUNITY VALUES AND WELL-BEING. HOW WE MEASURE THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES CANNOT BE MEASURED IN CONVICTION RATES OR OUTPUTS. NEW METRICS AROUND FAIRNESS AND RESTORATIVE APPROACHES WITH VALUES

SUCH AS EQUITY ARE CRITICAL. AND SO, IN THE YEAR AHEAD, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND FOR SPENDING WHERE IT MATTERS. WE ASK YOU TO PARTNER WITH US IN NOT ONLY CONTINUING TO DECREASE OUR RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION BUT REALLY RE-ENVISIONING THESE NEW METRICS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET. IN DOING SO, WE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES WHILE STRENGTHENING MULTNOMAH COMMUNITIES THAT ARE REPRESENTED IN THIS ROOM TONIGHT.

Molly Botsford: HI, MY NAME IS MOLLY BOTSFORD. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO HEAR ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE ABOUT THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING JAIL SERGEANT. I'M AN ADVOCATE ON THE RISE STRIDE TEAM, WHICH IS A SEX TRAFFICKING PROGRAM AT RAPHAEL HOUSE. I PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY TO SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING AGES 12 TO 25. I HAVE WORKED WITH THIS POPULATION FOR A LITTLE OVER FIVE YEARS. THE ROLE OF THE SERGEANT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN IDENTIFYING VICTIMS WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED. WEEKLY, WE WOULD RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM THE JAIL SERGEANT WHO HAD IDENTIFIED SEX TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS POTENTIALLY NEEDING SERVICES. ONE OF OUR TRAINED SEX TRAFFICKING ADVOCATES WOULD GO DOWN TO THE JAIL AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INCARCERATED SURVIVORS TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE CONFIDENTIALLY, LEARN ABOUT FOLLOW-UP SERVICES, AND THEN DEVELOP A TRANSITION PLAN. HAVING SOMEONE MEET YOU RIGHT WHERE YOU'RE AT CAN BE A CRUCIAL PART OF SUCCESSFULLY LEAVING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. IF THIS POSITION WERE TO GO AWAY, A POPULATION OF SEX TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS WOULD LOSE OUT ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICES AND SUPPORT. THIS POSITION CREATED LOW BARRIER ENGAGEMENT FOR PEOPLE THE COMMUNITY OFTEN OVERLOOKED. THE SERGEANT IS A CRUCIAL PART OF THE LARGER COLLABORATION WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND A VITAL ROLE IN PROVIDING SERVICES OF TRAFFICKING THE CARE AND COMPASSION THEY DESERVE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING.

Ashley Anstett: HELLO. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO HEAR US OUT TODAY. MY NAME IS ASHLEY ANSTETT. LIKE MOLLY, I AM A SEX TRAFFICKING ADVOCATE WITH RAPHAEL HOUSE. I WAS THE PRIMARY ADVOCATE FOR THE JAIL REACH IN PROGRAM THAT MOLLY DESCRIBED. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ONE OF OUR SUCCESS STORIES WORKING WITH THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING JAIL SERGEANT. THIS PARTICULAR SURVIVOR HAD BEEN SEXUALLY EXPLOITED FOR MOST OF HER LIFE. ALTHOUGH SHE WAS INCARCERATED FOR REASONS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO PROSTITUTION, THE SERGEANT HAD TAKEN THE TIME AND IDENTIFIED HER AS A SURVIVOR FROM PREVIOUS INCARCERATION. I WAS ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT. THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING JAIL SERGEANT COLLABORATED WITH ME TO ENSURE SHE WAS SUPPORTED WHILE SHE WAS INCARCERATED. WE SUPPORTED HER IN FINDING TREATMENTS AND TRANSITIONING HER TO THE VOA PROGRAM. SHE WORKED HARD IN HER PROGRAM AND BUILT PERMANENT SUPPORT FOR HERSELF AND HER PEERS. SHE CONTINUES TO BE SUCCESSFUL TODAY. WITHOUT THE COMPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SERGEANT, THE SURVIVOR WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE SERGEANT TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS AND LOWER RECIDIVISM. HER ROLE IS CRUCIAL IN HELPING TO INTERVENE IN THE CYCLE OF A SURVIVOR'S LIFE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. HI. GOOD NIGHT. GOOD EVENING. [ LAUGHTER ]

Chair Kafoury: LAST NIGHT WAS A LONG NIGHT. A LITTLE TIRED. WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE YOU HERE.

Tanell Tucker: HI. I AM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE SEX TRAFFICKING PROGRAM AT THE RAPHAEL HOUSE FOLLOWING UP WITH MOLLY AND ASHLEY. AS THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR, WE WORK CLOSELY -- OH, SORRY. TANELL TUCKER. THE POSITION PROVIDES US NOT ONLY REFERRALS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH, BUT THIS POSITION HAS SERVED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BUILDING BRIDGES BACK TO SERVICES WITHIN THE JAIL ITSELF, SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICATION MANAGEMENT, SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION PLANNING. IT HAS TRULY BROUGHT A COLLABORATIVE CARE APPROACH BETWEEN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND ADVOCACY. ANOTHER BENEFIT OF THIS ROLE IS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE EARLY INTERVENTION TO SURVIVORS WHO ARE NOT YET ENGAGED IN SERVICES AS WELL AS RECONNECT WITH THOSE WHOM MAY HAVE DISENGAGED. WE WOULD KEEP THIS VITAL ROLE IN PLACE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS, SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN HOW THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT HELPS US SERVICE PROVIDERS DO THE WORK IN A SURVIVOR-CENTERED WAY. WITHOUT THIS POSITION, I BELIEVE WE WOULD SEE MANY SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. HELLO.

Nita Belles: HELLO. MY NAME IS NITA BELLES. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS, FOR ALLOWING US TO COME AND TALK ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. I APPRECIATE YOUR LISTENING AND SHARING THE INCREDIBLE IMPORTANCE OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A NATIONAL ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING NONPROFIT CALLED IN OUR BACKYARD. WE ARE BASED OUT OF TUMALO, OREGON. WE'RE A NONPROFIT THAT LINKS ARMS ACROSS THE NATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING. AND WE WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER NONPROFITS, WITH GOVERNMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT NATIONWIDE. I WORKED WITH SERGEANT LUNA, WHO WAS IN THIS POSITION PREVIOUS TO SERGEANT McDADE. THIS POSITION HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO US FOR A LONG TIME. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT POSITION, AND YOU'VE HEARD SOME OF THE REASONS. IN FACT, SERGEANT McDADE IS ON OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR OUR NONPROFIT. THAT'S HOW HIGH WE ESTEEM HER. SHE WEARS MANY HATS AND IS A PRO AT ALL OF THEM. THE HATS CHANGE CONTINUOUSLY. SHE PUTS IN MORE HOURS THAN I CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE. THIS POSITION HAS BRIDGED THE GAP BETWEEN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND CENTRAL OREGON. IT PROVIDES INFORMATION TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE ANYWHERE ELSE. THAT ENABLES CENTRAL OREGON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND "IN OUR BACKYARD" TO PUT TOGETHER CASES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE NOT GET THE BAD GUY OFF THE STREET AND GET THE SERVICES MUCH NEEDED TO THOSE WHO ARE BEING TRAFFICKED. IT PROVIDES TRAINING TO CENTRAL OREGON LAW ENFORCEMENT. THIS POSITION HAS PROVIDED HELP WITHIN OUR BACKYARD'S SUPER BOWL EFFORTS. SERGEANT McDADE WAS PART OF TWO OF THE LAST THREE. IT'S PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE OTHER PLACES, AND HUMAN

TRAFFICKING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERTISE HAS BEEN A PART OF THE OPERATION THAT'S PROVIDED INTELLIGENCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOZENS, LITERALLY DOZENS, OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARRESTS ACROSS THE NATION AT SUPER BOWL WHEN YOU HEAR THOSE NUMBERS AND DOZENS OF VICTIMS RECOVERED. THIS POSITION HAS HAD A NATIONWIDE IMPACT. SERGEANT McDADE HAS ADVISED THORN, IN OUR BACKYARD, SHARED HOPE AND OTHER WELL-KNOWN ANTI-TRAFFICKING AGENCIES ACROSS THE NATION AND IS PART OF SAVING LIVES, NOT JUST MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUT ACROSS THE NATION EVERY DAY. IF THIS POSITION IS NOT FUNDED, THERE ISN'T ANYONE ELSE WHO CAN PICK UP WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. THE INTELLIGENCE GATHERED AND DISPERSED, AND IT BOILS DOWN TO LIVES SAVED. SHE IS SAVING LIVES AS A RESULT OF THIS POSITION. I'LL JUST FINISH REAL QUICKLY WITH A PARAGRAPH. I'VE BEEN IN THIS MOVEMENT FOR 13 YEARS. WE'VE MADE SO MUCH PROGRESS. IT'S HARD FOR ME TO LOOK INTO THE EYES OF A VICTIM OR SURVIVOR AND TELL THEM WE CARE. WE'RE COMING AFTER YOU. WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK WHEN REALLY POSITIONS LIKE THIS ARE IN JEOPARDY. I WOULD STRONGLY PETITION YOU TO CONSIDER THE LIVES THAT WILL BE LOST IF THIS POSITION IS NOT FUNDED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Cassandra Garcia: HELLO. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME TODAY. MY NAME IS CASSANDRA GARCIA. I'M ALSO IN SUPPORT FOR THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING JAIL SERGEANT. I AM A FORMER INTERN FOR THE SERGEANT. I'M IN MY LAST YEAR AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. I GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERN IN HER OFFICE LAST FALL. I WAS THERE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS. THROUGH THE INTERNSHIP, I GOT TO EXPERIENCE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES WHICH I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE WITHOUT BEING ONE OF HER INTERNS. THROUGH MY INTERNSHIP, I SAW HOW VALUABLE THIS POSITION WAS AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERNSHIP, MOLLY HAS DONE A REALLY GREAT JOB OF CARING FOR WHAT SHE DOES THROUGH HER POSITION. SHE HAS CREATED A HUMAN TRAFFICKING DATABASE WHICH ALL OF THE INTERNS WORK ON. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED OVER 1,000 TRAFFICKERS IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA ALONE. BESIDES DEVELOPING THE DATABASE, SHE HAS DONE RESEARCH ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING TATTOOS. SHE PRESENTS HER FINDINGS NATIONWIDE. I PERSONALLY HAVE GAINED A LOT OF VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN DATA AND RESEARCH. I HAVE SEEN A NEW SIDE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT HER POSITION. THE IMPLICATIONS WOULD AFFECT FUTURE INTERNS LIKE MYSELF FROM GAINING VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE. I ALSO BELIEVE THE IMPLICATIONS WOULD AFFECT MANY SURVIVORS WHO STAY CONNECTED AND HAVE A VERY HUGE BOND WITH MOLLY. MOLLY HAS WORKED HARD ON MAINTAINING THIS BOND WITH SURVIVORS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Christopher Carey: HI. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER CAREY. I'M AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CRIMINOLOGY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING A SPACE TO HEAR THIS, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT. YOU HAVE VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS TO MAKE. I'M GOING

TO TALK ABOUT THIS IN THREE AREAS. THE FIRST ONE IS PARTNERSHIPS. THE SECOND ONE IS RESEARCH. THE THIRD ONE IS THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING IT RIGHT. I THINK THE POSITION OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERGEANT WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY ACTUALLY GETS IT RIGHT. IT IS A UNIQUE POSITION. IN TERMS OF PARTNERSHIP FROM AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION, OUR MOTTO IS LET KNOWLEDGE SERVE THE CITY. I THINK THAT'S WHAT DEFINES THE COUNTY AND PORTLAND AND THE STATE OF OREGON. WE'RE REALLY REACTIVE TO PROBLEMS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THIS POSITION, I'VE BEEN A PARTNER OF THIS POSITION FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS. THE POSITION, AS YOU JUST HEARD ONE OF OUR STUDENTS TALK ABOUT, HAS BEEN REALLY VALUABLE FOR UNDERGRADUATES, GRADUATES, AND FACULTY. THIS POSITION HAS SUPERVISED ACTUALLY IN EXCESS OF 7,000 HOURS OF INTERNSHIPS, WHICH IS AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT TO ASK. THE AMOUNT THAT WE SPEND TO FUND THIS JUST GETS PAID OFF NOT JUST FUTURE -- I MEAN NOT JUST IN THE PRESENT IN TERMS OF HELPING STUDENTS AND FACULTY BUT IN FUTURE BECAUSE IT CREATES FUTURE LEADERS THAT STAY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WORK IN AREAS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THAT WORK IN THE AREAS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, CORRECTIONS, AND ADVOCACY. YOU'VE HEARD FROM MANY OF THOSE ADVOCATES TONIGHT. IN TERMS OF RESEARCH, THE UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO FORM REALLY IS UNPRECEDENTED IN THE COUNTRY. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP SEVERAL PROGRAMS AND REALLY CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH THAT'S PUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY ON THE MAP AND AT THE FOREFRONT OF RESEARCH ON SEXUAL ASSAULT, ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, ON TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACHES, SO THESE ARE NOT JUST LIMITED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONS, BUT THEY'RE REALLY CREATING UPSTREAM APPROACHES WHERE THE RESEARCH AND THE FINDINGS WE FIGURE OUT RIGHT NOW CAN HELP US SAVE MONEY IN THE FUTURE. THEY CAN HELP US UNDERSTAND WHERE THE INTERVENTION POINTS ARE. ONE REALLY SPECIFIC EXAMPLE IS ONE OF THE PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO TALK ABOUT AND WORK ON IS LOOKING AT NOT JUST TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS BUT TRAFFICKERS THEMSELVES. WE HAVE DISCOVERED THE REMARKABLE SIMILARITIES IN THE LIFE HISTORIES OF TRAFFICKERS AND TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS. FINALLY, I JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING IT RIGHT. I THINK THIS POSITION DOES. IT'S UNIQUE. I THINK WE NEED TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD. IT IS SUCH A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH. IT HAS BENEFITS FOR LOTS OF DIFFERENT SECTORS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING. YOU CAN PULL UP ANOTHER CHAIR OR TWO IF WE NEED ANOTHER.

Eric Vega: HI. HI NAME IS ERIC VEGA. I'M WITH THE PORTLAND IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COALITION TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO LEGAL DEFENSE AND ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF THE MONEY THAT YOU COULD HELP WITH. PORTLAND WOULD BE JOINING NEW YORK CITY, CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, SEATTLE, SACRAMENTO, MY HOMETOWN, IN DOING THIS. I WAS TALKING TO SOMEBODY IN SACRAMENTO TODAY WHO SAID THAT THE PROGRAM IS HELPING PEOPLE. IT'S WORKING, BUT THAT SOMETHING THEY DIDN'T THINK OF THAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT IT ACTS AS A DETERRENCE TO FRAUD. IN OTHER WORDS, PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY MAY HEAR FROM PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE LAWYERS THAT WOULD BE DEFRAUDING THEM. THIS ACTS AS A DETERRENT TO THAT. ACCORDING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW

REVIEW IN AN ARTICLE IN 2015, THEY SAID THAT IN A NATIONAL STUDY OF THE MORE THAN 1 MILLION APPLICANTS BETWEEN 2007 AND 2012, IMMIGRANTS WITH ATTORNEYS WERE MORE THAN FIVE TIMES AS LIKELY TO ATTAIN RELIEF FROM REMOVAL THAN THOSE WHO DID NOT HAVE REPRESENTATION. I WANTED TO TALK JUST FOR A MOMENT ABOUT A SUPREME COURT CASE CALLED GIDEON V. WAINWRIGHT. THE COURT SAID IT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL GOES TO THE VERY HEART OF OUR SYSTEM. IT MEANS FAIRNESS. IT'S WHAT OUR CONSTITUTION IS ABOUT. AND I WOULD LIKE -- ALTHOUGH THE FACTS ARE DIFFERENT, THE LAW IS DIFFERENT, THAT PRINCIPLE THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE SOMEPLACE WHERE SOMEBODY CAN HELP YOU DEFEND YOURSELF IS A CRITICAL WAY OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, THAT THERE IS A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS, THAT SOMEBODY WILL STAND WITH YOU AND MAKE THE LEGAL ARGUMENT THAT IS APPROPRIATE. IT'S A FAIR CHANCE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE POINT OF TIME WE ARE IN, THE HISTORICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. TODAY THE PRESIDENT MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARK ABOUT UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE. THEY AREN'T PEOPLE. THEY ARE ANIMALS. THAT KIND OF CHARACTERIZATION GIVES YOU A LITTLE BIT OF AN IDEA OF WHAT IMMIGRANTS ARE FACING. TO HAVE A FAIR CHANCE, TO HAVE A FAIR LEGAL CHANCE TO MAKE AN ARGUMENT THAT COULD IN FACT AVOID YOUR BEING DEPORTED IS NOT TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY SPLIT APART. A FAIR CHANCE MEANS NOT LOSING EVERYTHING YOU HAVE WORKED FOR, NOT BEING FORCED BACK TO A PLACE WHERE GANGSTERS ARE GOING TO KILL YOUR DAUGHTER OR YOUR SON. I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER THE CONTEXT THAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT. THERE'S AN UGLY MOOD IN THE NATION RIGHT NOW, AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS MAKING PORTLAND THAT PLACE WHERE PEOPLE MAKE THAT DEFENSE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Translator: GOOD AFTERNOON, ALMOST EVENING. MY NAME IS MARIA DELGADO.

Chair Kafoury: WOULD YOU GRAB THAT OTHER MICROPHONE? THANK YOU.

Translator: TODAY I'M HERE TO JUST TOUCH UPON A FEW POINTS. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST FUNDING SO THAT THERE WOULD BE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HERE IN GRESHAM, TROUTDALE -- WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHERE WE -- THIS INCLUDES THE CITY OF GRESHAM, TROUTDALE, AND FAIRVIEW. ALSO IN REGARDS TO HOUSING, I AM A LEADER IN OUR LATIN COMMUNITY. I LIVE IN THE AREA OF GRESHAM, BUT I WORK IN THE AREA OF PORTLAND. AND I CAN SEE THE IMBALANCE OF WORKING -- THE DIFFERENCE OF WORKING BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRESHAM, FAIRVIEW, TROUTDALE, AND WORKING IN PORTLAND. I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE TOOLS TO PROVIDE THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SO THAT THEY CAN SELF-ADVOCATE. IF YOU NOTICE, IN REALITY, RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH LATIN REPRESENTATION, LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATION. SAME THING HAPPENED TWO YEARS AGO IN A MEETING IN GRESHAM WHERE I WAS THE ONLY LATIN AMERICAN MOM. I WAS PART OF THE UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS IN DEL MONTE IN 2007. I AM A SURVIVOR OF CANCER, A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE -- AND I CAN MENTION THE AGENCIES THAT HAVE HELPED

ME, THOSE HAVE BEEN CAUSA, PROGRAM IMMIGRANTE, AND THAT'S HOW I WAS ABLE TO ADVOCATE FOR MY CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

Cameron Coval: MY NAME IS CAMERON COVAL. I'M HERE TO REQUEST THAT YOU FUND REPRESENTATION TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THESE COMMUNITIES ARE UNDER DAILY ATTACK. FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE STALKED BY I.C.E. AGENTS, LURED INTO ARREST, WHERE THEY LANGUISH FOR MONTHS AND YEARS AS THEY GO THROUGH LENGTHY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. THEY ARE FORCED TO RELY ON FRIENDS AND RELATIVES JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET. WE REQUEST THAT FUNDING AND SUPPORT SERVICES BE EXPANDED TO SERVE FOLKS WHO ARE DETAINED AND ACTIVELY FACING DEPORTATION. THERE'S NO PUBLIC DEFENDER LIKE PROGRAM IN IMMIGRATION COURT. AND THE AVERAGE COST IS \$8,000 TO \$12,000. IF THE RESPONDENT AND THEIR ATTORNEY DECIDE TO ASK FOR BOND AND IT IS GRANTED, THAT COULD COST AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 TO \$20,000. THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO EXPAND THE COUNTY SERVICES TO SECURE LEGAL REPRESENTATION, NOT JUST CONSULTATION, FOR FOLKS WHO ARE DETAINED AND FACING DEPORTATION. WITHOUT A PROGRAM LIKE UNIVERSAL REP, THOSE WHO CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY ARE FORCED TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES IN COURT. ON TOP OF HAVING TO NAVIGATE CULTURE AND LANGUAGE BARRIERS, THEY'RE DENIED SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO LEGAL INFORMATION. THAT'S THE SAY THE CARDS ARE STACKED AGAINST THEM TO SECURE THEIR OWN RELEASE FROM DETENTION AND WIN THEIR OWN CASE AGAINST DEPORTATION. WE FORMED THE ORGANIZATION A YEAR AGO TO TRY TO ADDRESS THIS GAP AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL. WE CONNECT THEM WITH COMPETENT ATTORNEYS. I'M THRILLED TO SHARE WE'VE HAD SOME SUCCESS. OUR FIRST TWO CLIENTS WON THEIR CASES AND HAVE SINCE BEEN RELEASED FROM DETENTION AND BEEN GIVEN GREEN CARDS. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO CRUCIAL THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE LIMITS OF PRIVATE FUNDRAISING TO ADDRESS AN ISSUE OF THIS SCALE. AS OF DECEMBER 2017, AN ESTIMATED 114 MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAD PENDING DEPORTATION CASES. NONPROFITS ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY TO MEET THE NEED FOR REPRESENTATION IN ALL THESE CASES. IT IS SO IMPORTANT THIS COMMITMENT COME FROM THE COUNTY BECAUSE MANY OF THE FOLKS WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS REPRESENTATION LIVE WITHIN EAST COUNTY. HOUSING COSTS IN PORTLAND HAVE FORCED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR TO MOVE TO OTHER NEARBY COMMUNITIES. MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THOSE CITIES URGENTLY NEED UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY TO IMPLORE YOU ALL TO FUND THIS PROGRAM AND HELP KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. COULD YOU MOVE BACK SO THEY CAN --

Translator: GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING AND BEING HERE, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS MARIA DE JESSU. I AM HERE BECAUSE UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. SPEAKING OF DEPORTATION, IT AFFECTS THE ENTIRE FAMILY IN MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONALLY IN REGARD TO WORK AND EDUCATION. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR IMMIGRANT PARENTS TO HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION, AND THE REASON IS, AS PARENTS WORKING, THE SALARY AND INCOME AFFECTS THAT A LOT. AND ALSO SERVICES LIKE FOOD STAMPS AND MEDICAID AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES ARE NOT

ACCESSIBLE TO US. STUDIES SHOW THE MAJORITY OF IMMIGRANT FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DEPORTATION -- SOME OF MY PERSONAL HISTORY. IN 2013, A SON OF MINE WAS DEPORTED. HE WAS 14. NOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND STILL OUR FAMILY HASN'T FOUND THE CURE EMOTIONALLY. I COULDN'T DEFEND MY CHILD AS A MOTHER WORKING IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD. I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF SEVEN CHILDREN BEING A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR MY SON BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE MONEY. MY SITUATION, NOW THAT I'M AN ORGANIZING WORKER WITH THE COMMUNITY, WITH CAUSA, ONE OR TWO TIMES PER WEEK I RECEIVE CALLS FROM THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN SEPARATED AND IT HURTS A LOT. I THINK YOU HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SUPPORT. THE MAJORITY OF WORKERS ARE VULNERABLE. BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS. AND THEY ARE THE WORKERS THAT BRING FOOD TO OUR TABLE EVERY DAY. EVEN THOUGH THEIR OWN HOUSE IS MISSING FOOD FOR THEIR CHILDREN. IT'S SAD BECAUSE WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE FOR OUR HOMES AS IMMIGRANTS. WE LEAVE CHILDREN IN MEXICO AND WE HAVE TO SURVIVE HERE. THANK YOU. THE STORY OF MY SON IS VERY SAD. STILL EVEN THOUGH I AM A CITIZEN, I CAN'T BRING MY CHILD HERE. FOR ME, THIS HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT, SO I THROW MYSELF AT THE FEET OF THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR STORY.

Francisco Rodriguez: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF PUEBLITO. I WORK AND ORGANIZE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S COMMUNITIES. TODAY I'M HERE AS A DACA RECIPIENT FOR WHO KNOWS HOW MANY MORE MONTHS CURRENTLY AND REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS AND IMMIGRATION COURTS. I'M HERE TO ASK THAT YOU FUND UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION AND KEEP MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAMILIES TOGETHER. I'M HERE TO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED AFTER ONE YEAR. THE FAMILIES IN OUR COUNTY THAT NEED THE SUPPORT ARE LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK. MANY LIVE IN EAST COUNTY BECAUSE IT IS RELATIVELY MORE AFFORDABLE THAN ELSEWHERE IN THE METRO REGION, BUT THEY'RE NOW STRUGGLING TO PAY RISING RENTS AND ARE VULNERABLE TO NO CAUSE EVICTIONS. MANY OF THEM HAVE TWO TO FOUR CHILDREN RANGING IN AGE FROM TODDLERS TO YOUNG ADULTS. THE PARENTS OF THESE FAMILIES AND THEIR UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE, SO TENDING TO BASIC MEDICAL NEEDS CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE. MOREOVER, ONE OR BOTH PARENTS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO WORK. THE BREADWINNER OF THE FAMILY IS TYPICALLY THE ONE WHO IS DETAINED. THEIR BOND HEARING IS OFTEN SET SEVERAL MONTHS OUT SO THE BREADWINNER WILL BE IN DETENTION FOR AT LEAST THAT AMOUNT OF TIME. IN THE MEANTIME, THE BREADWINNER'S FAMILY MUST BORROW FROM FAMILY MEMBERS OR BLOW THROUGH THEIR SAVINGS ON LIVING EXPENSES, AND THEY MUST DECIDE TO SPEND MONEY ON AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY TO WIN THEIR CASE. WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY, THE CHANCES ARE SLIM THAT THEIR LOVED ONE WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN HOME. TOO MANY FAMILIES ARE FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PAYING LARGE SUMS FOR THEIR LOVED ONE'S LEGAL DEFENSE, THE OUTCOME OF WHICH IS UNCERTAIN, AND ADDRESSING THE REST OF THE FAMILY'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS, LIKE HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, AND FOOD. IN ORDER TO START WORKING AN ENTRY-LEVEL JOB TO PAY THE FAMILY'S IMMEDIATE BILLS. BY FUNDING UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAMILIES FACING DEPORTATION

AND DETENTION, YOU NOT ONLY ENSURE A FAIR CHANCE, BUT YOU ENSURE THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAMILIES ARE NOT FORCED TO SACRIFICE THEIR MOST PRESSING HUMAN NEEDS FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME WHILE THE LENGTHY IMMIGRATION PROCESS IS CARRIED OUT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Elena Cajacob: GOOD EVENING. AGAIN, THANKS FOR HAVING ME, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS ELENA CAJACOB. I'M AN EMPLOYEE OF CAUSA OREGON. I WANT TO EXPAND IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES FUNDED BY THE COUNTY TOWARDS UNIVERSAL REPUTATION. I'M THE COORDINATOR FOR THE OREGON READY COALITION. I HAVE A BACKGROUND AS AN IMMIGRATION PARALEGAL. THE COUNTY'S LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM IS PROVIDING A CRUCIAL CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC LINK BETWEEN OUR COMMUNITY AND IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO RESPOND TO THE GROWING CRISIS. WE REQUEST THAT IT BE EXPANDED TO SERVE THOSE FACING DEPORTATION WITHOUT A LAWYER. THE NEWS HAS STIRRED UP ALARMS FOR FAMILIES OF IMMIGRANTS AS WELL AS HOPE. FIRST, THE ALARMS. IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY HAS TERMINATED TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR CITIZENS OF NEPAL AND HONDURAS. SOME OF THOSE LIVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THESE ARE OUR FAMILIES, OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR EMPLOYERS, AND OUR FRIENDS. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO TERMINATIONS FOR NICARAGUA AND SUDANESE RESIDENTS AS WELL AS THE TERMINATION OF DACA MENTIONED BY FRANCISCO, WHICH IS HUNG UP IN COURT BUT IS TOTALLY UNCERTAIN RIGHT NOW. WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE COUNTY IS ONCE THE WORK PERMITS OF THESE DACA RECIPIENTS BEGIN TO EXPIRE LATE THIS YEAR AND INTO THE NEXT TWO YEARS, MORE OF OUR NEIGHBORS THAN NOW WILL BE VULNERABLE TO I.C.E.'S ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, SO WE'LL BE FACING A GREATER CRISIS. IN THE LAST TWO HOURS, ANOTHER ALARM HAS BEEN SOUNDED BY THE STATEMENT MENTIONED BY ERIC THAT THE PRESIDENT SAID UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE ARE NOT PEOPLE. THEY ARE ANIMALS. ACCORDING TO RECENT DATA AS MENTIONED BY ANOTHER COLLEAGUE, 843 MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE CURRENTLY FACING DEPORTATION. A MAJORITY ARE CONCENTRATED IN AREAS OF GRESHAM AND PORTLAND EAST. I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT THAT INCLUDES. THE ADDITION OF A THIRD JUDGE TO PORTLAND'S IMMIGRATION COURT AND THE TERMINATIONS WILL SURELY EXPAND THAT NUMBER. OVER 200 OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS HAVE NO LAWYER. THUS, NO SERIOUS CHANCE AT AVOIDING REMOVAL FROM THEIR FAMILIES. FORTUNATELY, THERE IS ALSO HOPE. A BRAND-NEW REPORT OUTLINES HOW LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE EITHER HELPING OR INHIBITING I.C.E.'S ACTIVITIES. SANCTUARY POLICIES ARE WORKING. ARREST NUMBERS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE LOWER IN SANCTUARY JURISDICTIONS THAN THOSE JURISDICTIONS WHO COOPERATE WITH I.C.E. UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION PROGRAMS SUCH AS THOSE IN NEW YORK ARE ALSO WORKING. THE DATA COMING OUT OF NEW YORK, THE OLDEST PROGRAM, INDICATES THAT THE CITY IS NOW APPROACHING A 90% REPRESENTATION RATE. I.C.E.'S ACTIVITIES COUPLED WITH THE UNJUST TERMINATIONS OF LAWFUL STATUS THREATEN MORE AND MORE MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAMILIES EACH DAY -- IS THE MOST TANGIBLE WAY MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENT TO PROTECT IMMIGRANT FAMILIES.

Chair Kafoury: HI. GOOD EVENING.

Debbie Aiona: GOOD EVENING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS. I'M DEBBIE AIONA REPRESENTING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IN PORTLAND. WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO WORK WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO REDESIGN THE DA'S BUDGET IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS THE COMMUNITY'S INTEREST IN AN EFFECTIVE AND FAIR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE LEAGUE HAS LONG SUPPORTED A SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES FOR FAIR AND IMPARTIAL PROCEDURES, SWIFT AND DECISIVE INTERVENTION, AN EMPHASIS ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION THAT INCLUDES REHABILITATION THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS, ACCESS TO TREATMENT, AND ADDRESSES RACIAL DISPARITIES. AN IMPROVED DA'S OFFICE BUDGET WILL REDUCE RECIDIVISM AND WHETHER OR NOT EFFECTIVE YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY PRACTICES ARE BEING UTILIZED. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING TAKING A NEW APPROACH TO THE DA BUDGET. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Dan Le: HI. MY NAME IS DAN LE. I AM A PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR IRCO'S SUCCESSFUL FAMILY PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. THROUGH THIS PROJECT, WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE A CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC SERVICE MODEL FOR MORE THAN 85 ASIAN, PACIFIC ISLANDER, SLAVIC, AND AFRICAN YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES PER YEAR. THIS MODEL INTEGRATES IN-SCHOOL SUPPORT, AFTER SCHOOL GROUPS, AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT. CURRENTLY, WE'RE GETTING READY FOR OUR SUMMER PROGRAM, WHICH INCLUDES A FOUR WEEKS OF INTENSIVE ACADEMIC AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUTH. WE KNOW THIS MODEL WORKS. WE'VE SEEN 93% OF YOUTH IMPROVE IN THEIR LITERACY SKILL, 95% OF OUR YOUTH IMPROVE THEIR MATH SCHOOLS, 90% OF OUR YOUTH ATTEND 90% OR MORE OF THEIR SCHOOL DAYS. TODAY, I HAVE A YOUTH OF OUR PROGRAM AS WELL AS HIS FATHER TO SHARE SOME OF THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH THE PROJECT AND TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AS FOR MYSELF, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR PROVIDING THE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT WORK FOR OUR YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO YOU NEED THE MICROPHONE?

Translator: HELLO. MY NAME IS HAI HUYNH, AND I'M THE PARENT OF TAN HUYNH. I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE PART OF THE IRCO SUCCESSFUL FAMILIES PROGRAM. HAVING A CHILD IN SCHOOL CAN BE CHALLENGING BECAUSE AS A NEWCOMER IN THIS COUNTRY, THE CULTURE IN THE U.S. IS SO DIFFERENT AND OVERWHELMING. IRCO PROGRAMS HELPED ME WITH INTERPRETATION, COMMUNICATION WITH MY CHILD'S TEACHERS, AND ENCOURAGED ME TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL EVENTS. NOW I FEEL CONFIDENT IN BEING MORE INVOLVED WITH MY CHILD'S SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. I WANT TO HELP OUT WITH EVERYTHING. THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF IRCO'S SUPPORT. HAVING A STAFF WHO SPEAKS MY LANGUAGE AND UNDERSTANDS MY CULTURE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT GIVES ME A SAFE PLACE TO AT LEAST START UNDERSTANDING HOW I CAN BE THE

BEST SUPPORTER FOR MY CHILD'S SUCCESS. NOW I FEEL LIKE I KNOW HOW TO DO SO. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

Tan Huynh: HI. MY NAME IS TAN HUYNH.

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU PULL YOUR MICROPHONE DOWN A LITTLE BIT SO WE CAN HEAR YOU? THANK YOU.

Tan Huynh: HI, MY NAME IS TAN HUYNH. I'M IN SEVENTH GRADE. I REALLY LIKE THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE IT IS VERY HELPFUL TO ME. BEFORE I WAS IN THIS PROGRAM, I HAD A HARD TIME WITH READING, WRITING, AND SPEAKING ENGLISH. MY ADVOCATE HELPED ME WITH HOMEWORK, AND NOW I AM MORE CONFIDENT IN SPEAKING ENGLISH. MY FAVORITE PART ABOUT THE PROGRAM IS THE FIELD TRIPS AND BEING WITH THE FRIENDS THAT I'VE MADE IN THE PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I HOPE I GET TO CONTINUE TO BE IN THIS PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE. I ALSO HOPE ALL THE KIDS GET THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES I HAD.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOU DID A REALLY NICE JOB TONIGHT. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

Isatou Barry: GOOD EVENING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD EVENING.

Isatou Barry: MY NAME IS ISATOU BARRY. I'M ALSO A PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE IRCO'S SUCCESSFUL FAMILIES PROGRAM AND THE YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM. I COORDINATE THE AFRICAN CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO BE HERE WITH US TODAY AND FOR LISTENING TO US SHARE ABOUT OUR WORK AND WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR AFRICAN STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY ENTER THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. WE HAD SOME FAMILIES WHO WANTED TO BE HERE TODAY. BUT AS YOU KNOW, RAMADAN JUST STARTED IN SOME OF THESE COMMUNITIES, SO THEY COULDN'T BE HERE, BUT I'LL SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT OUR EVERYDAY WORK LOOKS LIKE AS MY COLLEAGUE HAS SHARED SOME OF IT. WE HIRE BILINGUAL AND CULTURAL STAFF THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITIES TO WORK WITH THESE IMMIGRANT FAMILIES THROUGH THE FUNDING. WE'RE ABLE TO HIRE STAFF TO BE PRESENT AT SCHOOL SITES ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK DURING THE DAY TO DO IN-CLASS SUPPORT AND RUN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN OUR PROGRAMMING. DURING AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING, ADVOCATES PREPARE CULTURALLY-APPROPRIATE LESSONS, LESSON PLANS FOR STUDENTS. THESE INCORPORATE BASIC READING, HEALTH AND WELLNESS, AND SOMETIMES LEADERSHIP TRAINING PORTIONS WHEN NECESSARY FOR OUR EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS TO EXCEL ACADEMICALLY AND TO THRIVE IN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, ADVOCATES ALSO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF BY HAVING MEETINGS WITH PARENTS AND HELPING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE EDUCATIONAL AND DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM IN THE U.S. OTHER SERVICES ALSO INCLUDE

WRAPAROUND SERVICES. WE SEE THE KIDS THAT GO TO HIGH SCHOOL BECOME LEADERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND SOME GO ON TO COLLEGE. HOWEVER, WE SEE A LOT OF NEED ARISING FROM FAMILIES AND STUDENTS AND EVEN SCHOOLS HAVING FOR MORE PRESENCE FOR OUR ADVOCATES IN THEIR SCHOOL SETTINGS. MOST OF THE TIME WE'RE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL THESE REQUESTS, EVEN THOUGH ADVOCATES GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO MAKE SURE THEY HELP THESE KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES. ON BEHALF OF THESE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND AFRICA HOUSE, I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE COUNTY TO MAINTAIN FUNDING OR INCREASE FUNDING FOR THESE PROGRAMS. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO, AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A VOICE WHEN THESE DECISIONS ARE MADE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING TONIGHT.

Board Clerk: THAT'S ALL THE TESTIMONY WE HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: THAT'S ALL THE FOLKS WE HAVE SIGNED UP. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANYBODY WHO HAS BEEN MOVED TO WANT TO COME FORWARD. COME ON UP. WE JUST HAVE TO SIGN - - WOULD SOMEBODY GRAB A SIGN-UP SHEET? ONE OF MY STAFF FOLKS IN THE BACK, BRING IT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

Joy Jackson: I DID SIGN UP. I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY DIDN'T CALL ME.

Chair Kafoury: SORRY ABOUT THAT. WE'RE HAPPY YOU WAITED TO TESTIFY.

Joy Jackson: HELLO AGAIN COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIRS. NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN. MY NAME IS JOY JACKSON. I AM WITH THE TENANT PROTECTION TEAM WITH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS. AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR AGENCY. WE HELP A LOT OF PEOPLE IN GRESHAM, BUT GRESHAM RESIDENTS HAVE TO BE MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION TO GET THE HELP FROM OUR TENANT PROTECTION TEAM. WE HAVE A RESOURCE THAT WILL PAY THE \$10 FOR THEM TO BE MEMBERS SO THAT THEY CAN GET THE HELP. I HAVE HELPED A LOT OF TENANTS IN GRESHAM THAT NEED TENANT PROTECTION RIGHTS. THEY GO THROUGH NO-CAUSE EVICTION, RENT INCREASES, REPAIR ISSUES AND LIVING WITH MOLD. I WOULD LIKE TO READ A LETTER FROM A TENANT THAT I HELPED THAT WROTE TO YOU GUYS ABOUT OUR PROGRAM. SHE SAYS, THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR MEMBERS, FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROGRAM. I WORKED WITH THE TPT PROTECTION TEAM WITH JOY, AND SHE HELPED ME BECOME A MEMBER SO I CAN GET THE HELP THAT I NEEDED. ME AND MY 3-MONTH-OLD BABY WERE LIVING WITH MOLD, AND THE LANDLORD DID NOTHING ABOUT IT EXCEPT BLAME ME FOR THIS, SAYING THAT I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH VENTILATION COMING THROUGH MY HOUSE. BUT THROUGH THIS HELP, SHE WAS ABLE TO HELP ME WRITE A LETTER AND HELP ME GET AN ATTORNEY AND HELP ME FIGHT FOR MY RIGHTS. THAT WAS REALLY NEEDED. IN THAT, I WAS ABLE TO ASK FOR REDUCED VALUE RENTAL, WHICH HELPED ME REPLACE AND HELP ME GET SOME OF MY THINGS. SHE WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR THIS PROGRAM, AND SHE WANTS YOU TO PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T FOR THIS PROGRAM, ME AND MY BABY WOULD BE LIVING WITH THIS MOLD. THANK YOU. I'M JUST ASKING TO PLEASE KEEP ON BEING CHAMPIONS. KEEP

ON SUPPORTING THIS PROGRAM. IT DOES HELP ALL OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, TENANTS OF GRESHAM AND OREGON, SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR HELPING ALL THOSE FAMILIES. APPRECIATE YOUR WORK. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS COME OUT TONIGHT. THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE WHO STUCK AROUND UNTIL THE END. REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE MOVING TESTIMONY. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SHARED THEIR STORIES AND TALKED FROM YOUR HEART ABOUT ALL THE NEED OUT THERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AFTER THESE HEARINGS, I FEEL SO CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY THAT WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT WANT TO COME OUT AND TALK ABOUT THE NEED BUT ALSO THE SOLUTIONS TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED. DON'T FORGET IT IS NOT TOO LATE. CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:14 p.m.**

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