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Metro President Lynn Peterson and Council
Metro Regional Government
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Dear President Peterson and Metro Council Members,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners to offer our gratitude for Metro's support and leadership in helping to solve the region's homelessness crisis.

Metro led the successful passage of the 2018 Housing Bond, setting an example that working together strengthens our region.

Of the people currently experiencing homelessness in Clackamas County, 452 households are in need of supportive housing services. This represents 36% of the total number of households on our waitlists and 41% of single adult households.

We presently have limited supportive housing resources and are only able to serve 218 households at a time. At the current turnover rate, it would take over 20 years to serve the households already on our waitlists.

This is unacceptable.

The funding generated from the supportive housing ballot measure will enable us to develop affordable housing units serving those in highest need, homeless families and individuals, by providing additional rent assistance and wrap-around services. According to the Tri-County Equitable Housing Strategy, in order to expand supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness, 440 units are needed within Clackamas County.

This funding will actually provide us with the means to make that happen.

It is a rare moment when leaders from the region come together in a unified voice. We have found that voice, and we look forward to our community's future success in preventing and reducing homelessness.

Respectfully,

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim Bernard, Chair
On Behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

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