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Esteemed members of the Advisory Committee,

We are writing to express our support for the Project Turnkey affordable housing initiative led by EUVALCREE. The concept for the acquisition of a hotel in Ontario, Oregon in their recent presentation to the Malheur County branch of the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is a progressive vision for housing.

As a city and county, we are experiencing not only a housing affordability crisis, but a lack of every type of housing from temporary shelters, to lower income/affordable housing to middle- and upper-income permanent residences. In addition, keeping in mind the current politics of the city, the diversity of incomes and backgrounds represented by the city's residents, the housing shortage has created a barrier amongst our Temporary Aid to Needy Family (TANF) applicants/recipients looking for affordable housing. Our Self Sufficiency Program (SSP) Family Coaches have limited options when referring low income families to find safe, affordable rentals that meet their needs. The Turnkey hotel project will be an asset to the Oregonians we serve.

Housing is a significant barrier for families working child welfare. It is nearly impossible to find short term emergency housing including housing like the Turnkey Project which will be monitored, safe and include amenities inclusive of their rent like utilities, laundry service, television, and Wi-Fi. The Turnkey Project could provide an opportunity for persons in recovery to have an environment that is safe from addicting substances, a bridge home while they seek a more permanent setting. This Turnkey Project will be beneficial for families; a way to keep a family safe together while they navigate their crisis.

ODHS SSP services are for families that are below the poverty level. Included services are Supplemental Nutritional A Program (SNAP), Employment Related Day Care (ERDC), TANF, and Temporary Aid to Domestic Violence Services (TADVS). Customers that will initially benefit from the Turnkey hotel project is TADVS, survivors of domestic violence, and TANF families who need a safe, secure temporary location to live until the family is stabilized or relocated.

ODHS Child Welfare Services partners with the Housing Authority with the Family Unification voucher program. Community in Action also collaborates with Child Welfare through their housing stabilization and rent programs. The Turnkey Project is aligned with

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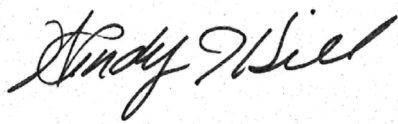
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ODHS's Child Welfare Vision for Transformation and will be a go to resource for child welfare families as they seek safety for their children while securing long term affordable housing.

ODHS agrees to provide the grantee with available data regarding families served by the SSP and Child Welfare Programs as it relates to Malheur County housing concerns. We endorse the development of individualized plans to meet each family's needs and that they remain within a fiscally viable housing payment.

We fully support this endeavor and believe this partnership will be able to assist our families find and attain a quality housing alternative solution in Malheur County. We look forward to collaboration and resource sharing with EUVALCREE's Turnkey Project.

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