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Dear Proposed Funding Supporter.

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is supportive of the lifempowered Empowerment Center project to build a new facility in St. Helens, Oregon. We believe that not only would this center allow for easier access to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities it would also assist in increasing the number of people served in Columbia County and provide social and educational partnering opportunities.

As the Board of a local governmental agency, we understand both the local disparity of our rural area and the stigma often attached to IDD services.

We see the opportunity to utilize this new center for some of the following purposes:

- Social engagement opportunities for people with IDD
- Educational opportunities and partnerships open to the whole county
- A comfortable and accessible setting for community events and meetings
- A space that provides care for lifempowered's support staff professionals

Columbia County supports this proposed Empowerment Center in our community. Please convey our wholehearted endorsement for this much needed resource for Columbia County residents to Senator Johnson and Representative Witt as the District Legislators, the relevant legislative committees, and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,


Margaret Magruder, Chair


Casey Garrett, Commissioner


Henry Heimuller, Commissioner