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On Behalf Of: SB30  
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development  
Measure: SB1530

My name is Terry Dalsemer. I live in Portland and I am writing to express my wholehearted support for a yes vote on Senate Bill 1530, with the inclusion of funding for furniture bank services. [Insert statement about your personal connection to Community Warehouse and why you support our mission].

Research consistently demonstrates the positive impact of furniture on housing stability.

Furnished homes contribute to the physical and mental well-being of residents, fostering an environment conducive to recovery and growth. Studies indicate that individuals receiving furniture are more likely to maintain stable housing over time. Furniture banks provide an affordable, equitable, and sustainable solution to furniture poverty.

Housing should not be viewed merely as the provision of four walls and a roof, but as the establishment of a home – a space that supports the well-being and dignity of its occupants. Furniture and household items, as a fundamental element of any home, play a crucial role in this ecosystem. When we fund housing, we must include the means to furnish those homes. We urge you to support the inclusion of furniture bank services as an integral part of Senate Bill 1530.

The incorporation of furniture bank services will address a critical need within our communities, contributing significantly to creating stable, sustainable, and thriving living environments for all Oregonians.

I appreciate the commitment of the Senate to finding and funding holistic solutions to our state's housing challenges.

Thank you for your consideration.