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Senator Patterson, Senator Hayden and members of the committee,

On behalf of Klamath and Lake Community Action Services, I respectfully ask you to support Senate Bill 1076, which will establish requirements of licensed hospitals to include in the hospital's discharge policy specified procedures for discharge of homeless patients.

Klamath and Lake Community Action Services is the Community Action agency providing anti-poverty programs to community members in Klamath and Lake Counties. Our organization offers energy assistance, water/wastewater bill assistance, rental assistance, family support, information and referral services, housing supports for veterans and is an organizational Representative Payee.

Our organization partners with several organizations who provide emergency shelter in Klamath County. We understand the challenges of providing safe shelter with a low-barrier approach to unsheltered community members. We review our subrecipients annually and hear the challenges they experience in providing critical shelter services to protect community members from the elements.

Senate Bill 1076 will build on the hard work undertaken locally to ensure that unsheltered community members' health and wellbeing is not put at risk during the winter months. While our partner providers are not open year-round due to funding allocation limitations, they are available and providing services during the most inclement winter months.

In closing, we would ask you to support Senate Bill 1076 to ensure that unsheltered community members in Klamath and Lake counties are discharged to a warm, safe and appropriate location, minimizing the risk of further health related issues.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christina Zamora".

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