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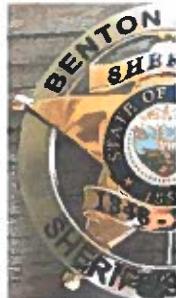
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Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

I type this letter to lend support to the Furniture Share as it relates to SB 1530. Furniture Share is a vital resource in the Linn and Benton County communities. Whether it's providing a bed for a young person to sleep on or sharing a space heater during the recent ice storm (and everything in between), Furniture Share has time and again proven themselves to be key resources in our communities.

With that, Furniture Share has only so much capacity to provide assistance to communities in need. They are constrained by both the size of their warehouse and the number of staff working to assist both those who seek assistance as well as those who wish to donate. The available monies provided by this legislation, will allow Furniture Share to expand their current footprint and provide greater assistance to the communities and members who benefit from their assistance. As an example, on average, Furniture Share serves roughly 4200 individuals annually, plus an additional 400 struggling veterans. This funding stream will provide the necessary resources for Furniture Share to continue to meet the needs of its current client base....and many more.

Again, I want to thank you for taking the time to read this and know, I fully support the mission of Furniture Share and look forward to seeing the services provided continue to expand and assist others, for years to come.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Jefri Van Arsdall".

Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff