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Senator Ron Wyden  
707 13th St SE Ste 285, Salem, OR 97301

Senator Jeff Merkley  
500 Liberty Street SE  
Suite 320  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senators Wyden and Merkley,

We are writing to express our strong support for *Provoking Hope's* application for 2026 U.S. Senate appropriations funding to continue their invaluable services in Yamhill County. As a dedicated organization, *Provoking Hope* has consistently demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of individuals struggling with addiction and mental health challenges in our community.

*Provoking Hope's* comprehensive approach, which includes peer support, recovery coaching, and community outreach, has had a significant impact on countless lives. Their programs not only provide immediate assistance but also foster long-term recovery and resilience.

The need for these services in Yamhill County is more critical than ever. With the ongoing challenges posed by the opioid crisis and the increasing prevalence of mental health issues, *Provoking Hope's* work is essential in providing healing to those in need. Their efforts have not only helped individuals regain control of their lives but have also contributed to the overall well-being and safety of our community.

We have personally witnessed the positive outcomes of *Provoking Hope's* programs. Their dedication to empowering individuals and fostering a supportive community environment is unparalleled.

We respectfully request that you consider grant funding for *Provoking Hope* so they can continue their vital work. The impact of their services extends far beyond the individuals they directly assist, benefiting families, friends, and the community as a whole. Your support will enable *Provoking Hope* to expand their reach and provide even greater assistance to those in need.

Thank you for your time and consideration; we are confident that with your support, *Provoking Hope* will continue to be a beacon of hope and recovery in Yamhill County.

Sincerely,

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner, Mary Starrett

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Commissioners on 2.20.2025  
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