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Senator Jackie Winters
Chair, Public Safety Committee
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Dear Senator Winters;

This letter is in support of the Oregon Youth Authority budget. The preamble to the Juvenile Code, section 419C.001, states that the purpose of the OYA is to **protect the public**. The system is founded on the principles of **personal responsibility and accountability**. J Bar J Boy's Ranch is an evidenced based program contracted with the OYA, following Correctional Program Assessment guidelines for treatment programs.

It is imperative that the state maintain the OYA budget for **public safety and reformation** continuum of the adolescents that enter this system.

J Bar J Boy's Ranch last outcome based study shows our **graduates have an 87% success rate**. In addition, the boys that graduate our program go on to become productive members of society, good husbands, good fathers, and good community volunteers, J Bar J also had **97% complete their high school diploma**.

The meta-analysis data on risk factors for anti-social behavior show the top risk factor as attitudes, values, and beliefs. In short, criminal youth, think differently, are irrational and irresponsible in their thinking. Treatment programs are the best solution, and not only treat the criminal thinking but often identify past trauma and victimization. Treating the criminal thinking and the past trauma and victimization with these youth early leads to a significant reduction in health care costs when they are adults (ACES study).

Please hold harmless public safety dollars. This is a population where the constituents don't lobby for, but is imperative to hold harmless the OYA budget in the best interests of public safety.

Sincerely,

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