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I have attached my comments regarding HB2549; however, I am also including them within this e-mail.

To: Annola Dejong, Office Manager, House Judiciary Committee
[To be forwarded to Chair Rep. Jeff Barker and members of Oregon's House Judiciary Committee]

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Date: February 26, 2013

Subject: HB 2549

I am supporting House Bill 2549 in recognition of the interim committee members who have worked tirelessly in order to identify a risk-based assessment tool (static-99) that will better serve the safety of our communities. I also applaud this committee for realizing the need to certify all treatment counselors and to bring about some consistency across the state of Oregon regarding required treatment (re-entry) programs.

It is a beginning; however, I do have some serious reservations:

1. More than one assessment tool should be utilized in the evaluation/assessment of an offender.

1. Necessary funding needs to be available in order for all counselors to be adequately trained and certified. How else can we assure the much needed outcomes?

1. While the intent of this bill is to place only the highest risk offenders on the web, I sincerely hope that there will be some effort to shield lower-risk offenders from being listed on websites by companies looking to make profits. This will have a horrendous impact on these low-risk offenders in their attempt to gain employment, find adequate housing, and to also feel safe. In addition, these web postings will cause their families to suffer unnecessarily.