Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 10:20 AM To: Rep Gelser Subject: HB 4134 Considerations

Dear Representative Sara Gelser,

I am writing to you in concern for our at risk youth and House Bill 4134. As the Education Director for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, I have firsthand knowledge of how important it is that we use preventative measures with our at risk youth. Why use money after the fact, when we can make such a large difference in a youth's life prior to letting them fail?

We are asking that you allow this money to be used for PREVENTION services, rather than to pay for services for youth who are adjudicated. House Bill 4134 puts funding at the front end of the system, in communities. Please consider letting these funds be used by the communities that truly need services.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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