

# CRIME VICTIMS UNITED

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Members of Oregon Senate Rules Committee:

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Crime Victims United supports the reappointment of Colette S. Peters as the Director of Oregon Department of Corrections.

Ms. Peters is a synergistic leader who has helped foster communication between the department, Crime Victims United, and other public safety partners and stakeholders. She has been instrumental in establishing an effective prison system that:

- Holds offenders accountable for their actions
- Provides swift and certain sanctions for those actions
- Invests in rehabilitation to improve the likelihood of success once offenders leave custody
- Supports re-entry to reduce barriers to leading a crime-free life
- Optimizes the use of the aforementioned programs and strategies to help prevent future victimization to the extent that is possible

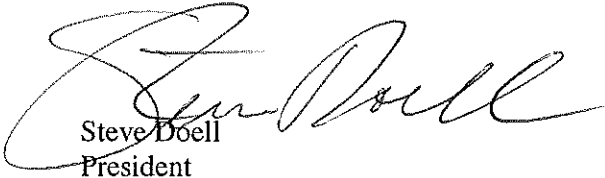
Ms. Peters has over 25 years of experience, including that as a victim advocate for Denver's Police Department. All of this has been formative in shaping her thinking around public safety.

Oregon would not need a criminal justice system if it were not that criminal acts create victims. And yet, victims' voices are often not at the table. While we cannot make whole the victim that was created by the crime that sends an offender to prison, Ms. Peters' philosophy is that the DOC mission is to prevent future victimization.

Through her strategic leadership, she has directed an agency that is innovative, nationally respected, recognized as having some of the best outcomes in the country, and employees who are dedicated professionals. She is committed to continue to explore ways to improve outcomes and find further efficiencies and cost savings in DOC operations.

On behalf of Crime Victims United, I request your consideration of the reappointment of Colette S. Peters as Director of the Oregon Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,



Steve Doell  
President

*"To promote a balanced criminal justice system through public awareness and legislative action"*