To: Rick Jones

Re: Sobering Station for Josephine County community

This message is to affirm the absolute support from this ADAPT treatment office for the proposed sobering station for our community (HB 2936). Our community lost its long-standing detox capability in 1998, and the community has never really recovered for the loss of that critical service. The advent of a sobering station will greatly enhance our local ability to serve those often most in need, and to ameliorate stress and pressure on individuals, families, and our social services system. As well, that modality of service can often serve as an entry into a higher level of care so frequently needed and even necessary for potential recovery from the too-often devastating effects of addictive processes. ADAPT will be appreciative and supportive of all the efforts of concerned citizens both here locally and through the resources of the state of Oregon that will enable this community to address these critical issues. The occurrence of individuals in the community who are overtly and publically under the influence of intoxicants represent both personal and public and even family safety issues. Once again, the need for a sobering station for our community cannot be overemphasized.

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