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Rep. Duane Stark
State Representative – District 4
900 Court St. NE, H-372
Salem, OR. 97301

RE: Letter of Support for Sobering Center in Grants Pass (HB 2936)

Dear Sir,

As the Sheriff in Josephine County, I have less than 24 hour patrols and five deputies to cover the entire county with regards to patrol. Josephine County is facing more budget cuts including cuts that will require me to virtually close my jail except for a few beds related to Measure 11 offenses and even that future is uncertain. I have several rural communities within my County that have severe drug and alcohol issues and a Sobering Center would help those persons who do not need to be brought into the criminal justice system which is broken here.

Many of our citizens have needs we are unable to provide for and having a facility that could allow them to be sober in order to seek treatment is a win win. I cannot stress to you enough how important this is and what it would mean to our County should this get built and be able to operate in order to help our citizens.

I am asking for your support to help us pass HB 2936. We are doing all that we can here and I am believe your help with this matter would improve the entire County. This includes those afflicted and those who want something done in order to help those afflicted.

Sincerely,

Dave Daniel, Sheriff
Jo. Co. Sheriff's Department