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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair The Honorable Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair The Honorable Senator Chip Shields, Co-Chair of Public Safety Sub-committee The Honorable Representative Jennifer Williamson, Co-Chair of Public Safety Sub-committee Joint Committee on Ways and Means 900 Court Street NE H-178 State Capitol Salem, OR 97310-4048

Re: District Attorney Participation in HB 3194

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Oregon District Attorneys Association was an active participant in crafting the provisions of HB 3194 during the 2013 legislative session. The Association continues to support both the letter and spirit of the new law as it is implemented state wide. We look forward to orally presenting our implementation of HB 3194 to the Public Safety Sub-Committee of the Ways and Means committee later this month.

When the Sub-Committee asked for information about district attorney participation in HB 3194, the Board of Directors of the Association asked individual district attorneys to write letters explaining their participation in implementing HB 3194. Many district attorneys prepared letters. Through the courtesy of Mr. Rocco they are presented along with this introductory letter and posted on the Oregon Legislative Information System. I encourage you to read the letters and believe you will be impressed with the variety of local programs all designed to help offenders be successful in their lives and avoid incarceration or future incarceration.

Sincerely,

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