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The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Prozanski and Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) to let you know that we fully support House Bill 4066A as amended.

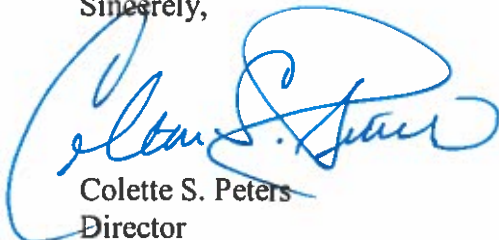
As written, House Bill 4066A addresses concerns related to unmanned aircraft systems (drones) flying over critical infrastructure facilities (including correctional facilities and law enforcement facilities), which dovetails very well with the department's growing concerns surrounding drone use. With innovations in the use of this technology, drones may be equipped to carry items such as drugs, money, cell phones, cameras, and weapons.

In a correctional setting, this means that drones could be used to drop contraband such as drugs or weapons, obtain footage of the layout of a correctional facility for the purposes of assisting in an escape, or in the most extreme case, target staff or inmates with weapons.

By prohibiting the use of drones over critical infrastructure facilities and imposing consequences, DOC can work with the Oregon State Police to investigate and hold violators accountable.

The Oregon Department of Corrections strongly supports the work of Representative Huffman's Committee on drone use and the passage of House Bill 4066A as amended.

Sincerely,



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