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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

In January 2016, the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) became aware that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs (ODDJP) were seeking applications for the Second Chance Act: Implementing Statewide Plans to Improve Outcomes for Youth in the Juvenile Justice Program. This program provides grants to support the implementation of an existing statewide plan to better align juvenile justice policy, practice and resource allocation with what research shows works to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. OYA is requesting permission to apply for this grant and use funding to assist in the statewide implementation of tools to support data-informed decision making in the Youth Reformation System.

Agency Action

The funds for the OJJDP grant will be used to implement data-driven decision making tools that inform service needs for youth in the juvenile justice system. This includes supporting staff to implement these tools and train local counties on the use of the tools, develop and/or support existing programs that meet the needs of youth who are poorly served by the current services offered. Funding will also be used for solicitation of service contract with curriculum development experts in the field, to increase the reliability and consistency of assessments that are administered throughout the entire state through training and technical support, as well as to

support the automation of data-informed tools for decision making in the Juvenile Justice Information System and the associated training on how to use the information appropriately.

The grant application deadline is March 8, 2016. The grant award amount is up to \$1,000,000. The match required is 50% cash or in-kind (25% Cash Match, 25% in kind contributions of goods or services). The cash match will come from existing FTE costs and the in-kind match from services and supply costs, which are currently funded in the 15-17 legislatively Approved Budget and will require no additional General Funds.

If future grants are available and this work from this grant successful, OYA will apply again to continue this work. The agency has staff and S&S funds dedicated to this effort, but these additional funds will help the agency to accomplish more in a shorter amount of time.

Action Requested

The Oregon Youth Authority requests the Joint Ways and Means Committee authorize the approval to apply and accept the OJJDP FY 2016 Second Chance Act funding that is expected to be comprised of an award of up to \$1,000,000 to be used over a 24 month budget cycle from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018. The anticipated award date is no later than October 1, 2016.

Legislation Affected

There is no need to increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation at this time. The Oregon Youth Authority anticipates that we will be able to accomplish this work with existing Federal Fund limitation.

Sincerely,



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Director

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