



Looking Glass
Community Services

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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Jackie Winters, Co-Chair
The Honorable Duane Stark, Co-Chair
Members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety
900 Court Street
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chair Winters and Co-Chair Stark and Members of the Public Safety Subcommittee of Ways and Means:

I am asking you to support full funding for the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) budget, as well as support continuation of the OYA bond funding for their facilities.

We know that prison population and recidivism in our state must be addressed. OYA is recognized throughout the United States for innovative, evidence-based, proven programs that prevent youth from ending up in adult cycles of crime and imprisonment. OYA reduces victimization, improves community safety and saves us money.

Implementing initiatives such as Positive Human Development and the Youth Reformation System, OYA is producing better outcomes for youth returning to the community. OYA provides safe, secure environments that provide treatment, education and development of youth so they become accountable, productive and positive in their transition. These youth become assets to the public, rather than future expense.

OYA works very closely with community partners, such as Looking Glass Community Services, to ensure continued monitoring and success of these youth as they rejoin with family, friends, schools and jobs in society. The change and successful transformation in these young people is truly remarkable.

Please fully fund OYA's programs and facilities. All of Oregon greatly benefits from OYA's efforts.

Thank you for all your work on behalf of public safety in our state.

Sincerely,

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