

February 16, 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-Chairs and members of the Committee:

This letter is in support of SB 5042, the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) budget and bond funding for the continuation of OYA's 10-Year Strategic Facilities Plan. OYA protects the public by holding youth accountable and providing a safe environment for evidenced-based treatment services, education and reformation.

This letter is also in support of Hope Partnership and all of the things that it brings. Hope comes to MacLaren through a contract with OYA and Janus Youth Programs, Inc. How this partnership has changed these young men is phenomenal.

These youth come into the system and don't know what to do. When they are introduced to Hope Partnership, they make a complete 180. Hope Partnership give you the skills that will make you success in transition.

Sincerely,

C.A.
Youth at MYCF