

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.

Hope Partnership is a Janus Youth Program that operates inside MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility. The groups that are given to us by Hope include Radio Journalism, Toastmasters, Breakdancing, and Restorative Justice. These groups have helped me develop skills and tools that to become a better person. This had led me to a better path. The path that leads to success.

Sincerely,

R.C
Youth at MYCF