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Clatsop County Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your letter and concern for North Coast Youth Correctional Facility (NCYCF). Clatsop County has been a wonderful partner to OYA for many years and we too are saddened by the likelihood that the facility will close due to state budget reductions. As an executive branch agency, we support the governor's budget but share the concern of the community and our staff about the future of the youth correctional facility. That said, these are challenging times, and without additional revenue, the closure of a 50 bed correctional facility cannot be avoided.

We assure you that no youth will be released to the community as a result of this closure, they will be absorbed into other OYA facilities and continue their case plans and programming. As for staff, we are working with them to find placements for those who wish to relocate and working with sister state agencies to seek opportunities for those who can't. We have also opened a line of communication with county officials to explore potential repurposing of the building should the likely closure occur.

Since the budget decisions are in the hands of the Oregon Legislature, we are forwarding your letter to the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety, and we are respectfully asking them to include it in the record of public testimony for our budget bill.

Sincerely,

Fariborz Pakseresht
Director

Joe O'Leary
Deputy Director