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Dear Sir(s),

Over the last year, I have been involved with Senator Dembrow and Senator Winters working on the Joint Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing. We have begun to make some of the critical steps that are needed to improve the Re-entry process within Oregon for all incarcerated individuals.

There are many groups within Oregon working on a variety of issues that are connected with incarcerated individuals. I believe this committee can be the center point for taking these complex issues and concerns and moving them forward in a systematic and positive direction. The goal of this committee is to decrease recidivism rates, improve all re-entry process and ultimately lower Public Safety cost to all Oregon taxpayers.

Oregon continues to lead the Nation in the use of research-based treatment of incarcerated individuals. The Joint Task Force on Reentry has the same opportunity to make Oregon the leader in successful re-entry of incarcerated individuals.

Senate Bill 689 extends the sunset of the Re-entry Task Force. This will allow us to continue the re-entry committee. This work is being conducted with little to no fiscal impact to the State.

Senate Bill 692, appropriates moneys from General Fund to Public Defense Services Commission for pre-entry pilot program, as the first step in moving our re-entry work forward.

I have worked within Correctional facilities for the past (30) years. I see the Joint Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing as a first real step to making the changes needed in Oregon.

Please support SB 689 and SB 692

Thank you for your consideration,

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