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**BOARD OF
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Joint Committee on Ways & Means
Subcommittee on Public Safety
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Sam Brentano
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RE: Support SB 689-A

Dear Co-Chairs Winters and Stark:

**CHIEF
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John Lattimer

Senate Bill 689-A reestablishes the Joint Interim Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing, which was created by Senate Bill 969 (2015). The task force was charged to study and recommend actions that state and local governments might reasonably undertake to assist persons with criminal convictions, including actions to improve the reentry experience, expand employment opportunities, identify and provide housing, and create certification processes.

As a member of the task force, I can attest that the task force delved into a number of important issues surrounding successful prisoner reentry. For example, through task force discussions on debt and child support, the concept for Senate Bill 682 was generated that is almost through the process. The task force's report illustrates the breadth and depth of the task force's work to date.

However, the work is not done. There are a number of more complex issues around housing and employment that still need review and consideration. Senate Bill 689-A will allow this work to proceed.

I urge the subcommittee to approve Senate Bill 689-A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Carlson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Commissioner Janet Carlson
Marion County