



February 14, 2017

The Honorable Jackie Winters, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Duane Stark, Co-Chair  
Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Public Safety  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Co-Chair Winters, Co-Chair Stark, and Members of the Subcommittee:

On behalf of Washington County Board of County Commissioners I wanted to provide comments on House Bill 5005 – the Criminal Justice Commission’s (CJC) agency budget bill. Washington County appreciates leadership from the CJC keeping public safety a priority at the state level.

We have used \$3.7 million in justice reinvestment dollars to support risk and assessment needs of offenders in the community, mental health counseling, treatment programs, and victim services programs.

For us to continue these enhanced programs, we are advocating for funding at a level for this program as well as protected cuts to community corrections grant-in-aid baseline funding through the Department of Corrections.

Justice Reinvestment has helped our local public safety coordinating council (LPSCC) collaborate more on these issues, finding effective and efficient ways to manage offenders at the local level. We ask for more time and adequate justice reinvestment funding to keep doing this work.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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