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Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety
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Co-Chair Sollman, Co-Chair Manning, and members of the committee,

On behalf of our southern Oregon rural coast communities, and as the elected officials of the region, we are calling on the Co-Chairs of the Ways and Means Committee, and our colleagues to take the Shutter Creek Correctional Facility (SCCI) off the closure list.

In the face of an unprecedented economic and public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the state's top budget writers proposed the closure of the prison. Lawmakers noted that the proposal will help rebalance the budget to preserve those essential services crucial to protect vulnerable Oregonians, put the state on a path to recovery and work toward economic resilience. However, the closure of SCCI will have significant direct and indirect negative impacts on the people and vulnerable communities of Coos, Curry and western Douglas counties.

The pandemic and the precautions taken to limit the spread of COVID-19 have resulted in a huge economic cost to our local economy and ongoing loss in our tourism industry. Furthermore, the rural, southern Oregon coast is still recovering from past recessions and the closure of Georgia Pacific mill last year. While we understand the State is trying to balance its budget, which is no easy task, balancing the budget at the expenses of rural communities will only further destabilize the health of our most vulnerable communities.

SCCI employs more 90 state employees. These are high-paying jobs that support families and businesses within small rural communities. The annual average wage of corrections officer is \$61,000 and \$63,000 for a parole and probation officer, according to Oregon Employment Department (OED), as compared to Coos County's overall average wage per job at \$40,352.

As one constituent noted: "[SCCI] is where my husband is employed as a correctional lieutenant. For our family of four he is our main source of income. If Shutter Creek was to close permanently, we would be forced to move away. We are both fourth generation children of our community. Having been born and raised here, in Coos Bay, all our family is here. Our two children (ages 8 and 6) would be ripped away from their aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents and great grandparents." This is very devastating news for rural Oregonians who cannot withstand another budget rebalancing leading to job loss.

The city of Lakeside will be severely impacted as approximately 22% of the Lakeside's wastewater revenues are derived from the Shutter Creek facility. This is equal to about \$225,000 annually. As you may know, Lakeside has initiated plans to relocate and replace its wastewater treatment plant at the urging of DEQ. The estimated cost of this new facility will probably be more than \$10 million. Coos Bay just completed one at a cost of over \$24 million. The project will largely be

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funded through local sewer rates. With the loss of the Shutter Creek sewer revenue, this project may become financially infeasible as it would no doubt require substantial sewer rate increases and would probably make Lakeside sewer rates among the highest in the State.

At Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay, closure of SCCI would lead to lay off of 1.25 in staff who teach in the prison – a \$167,000 annual wage/benefits loss. These instructors have helped 198 SCCI inmates earn their GEDs over the past three years. The college enrolls approximately 55 students annually in its criminal justice program, some of whom likely pursue careers in this field. Southwestern also injects \$14,000 annually into SCCI revenues and in support of inmates. It hires a work crew twice annually to help with grounds maintenance on the 160-acre campus to control vegetation and lessen fire danger to surrounding neighborhoods.

Finally, on the issue of fire suppression, SCCI provides crucial support to the State in firefighting. Each year, SCCI crews assist the Oregon Department of Forestry at major fire incidents, working in the mobile kitchens and fire crews digging lines and laying hoses. They are a crucial part of the Coos Forest Protective Association, assisting with ground maintenance and wildland firefighting in the three-county area. Ultimately, the higher value for inmates is this experience decreases recidivism. They receive hands-on job training and work side-by-side with professionals developing skills that help them work. Former corrections clients have found work on reforestation and firefighting crews not just in Coos County businesses, but statewide.

There are a number of possible mechanisms available to the Ways and Means Committee for rebalancing the budget and maintaining essential services. We respectfully request that shutting down a facility that is an essential economic support to isolated, economically stressed rural communities not be seen as a solution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joanne Verger
Coos Bay, Oregon

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RE: Shutter Creek Correctional Institution

Co-Chair Sollman, Co-Chair Manning, and members of the committee:

My name is Joanne Verger and I reside in Coos Bay Oregon. I am a former Mayor of Coos Bay (1992-2000), I served as a State Representative and State Senator from the Oregon Coast for 12 years. During my service at the State Legislature I was honored to serve as Co-Chair of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety. I believe that my background gives me a clear understanding of the difficult task of balancing a budget while at the same time making good policy decisions for the state and its citizens, both rural and urban.

With that, I would be remiss if I did not add my voice to others as you look for ways to balance the current budget before you, thank you for allowing me to do so.

The minimum-security prison at Shutter Creek for years has been an asset both to the prison population and to the community through their Community Service Program.

Formerly through their AIP boot camp program called "SUMMIT" I would have the opportunity to be a part of Shutter Creek at their impressive and emotional graduation where I had the pleasure of meeting the families. The program today may be different but Shutter Creek has always been in the business of rebuilding the lives of Oregonians and runs a cost effective program that gives people the incentive to return to society as a better son, brother or husband.

The future of Oregon's rural economy depends on the value the state puts on their place in Oregon's success. This will prevent any rural-urban divide for years to come. The hundreds of anecdotal stories of successful outcomes at Shutter Creek outweighs any need to balance the budget on the promising lives of Oregonians. There must be a better way to balance the budget without harming the delicate structure of rural Oregon families including the dedicated staff at this facility.

Shutter Creek was a gift that has kept on giving and it has earned every right to stay.

Thank you for your consideration of this written testimony,

Joanne Verger
Former State Senator, SD 5
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July 23, 2020

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RE: Shutter Creek Correctional Institution

Co-Chair Sollman, Co-Chair Manning, and members of the committee,

Thank you for your consideration of this written testimony on behalf of the City of Coos Bay regarding the closure of the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution (SCCI). A former National Guard Station, SCCI was acquired by the state in 1990 at no cost to Oregon taxpayers and now operates as a 302-bed minimum security prison on six acres of forestland. On the heels of a recession and the current COVID-19 pandemic Shutter Creek operates as one of the last opportunities for family wage jobs in the area employing 90 state employees at an average of \$20,000 more per year than other jobs within the county.

The City of Coos Bay works in partnership with SCCI on many of the city's public works projects from the clean-up of roads, parks, and homeless camps to providing community support for events. It is estimated that the closure of Shutter Creek would cost the city an additional \$40,000 per year in public works projects alone. These are costs the city cannot absorb and would mean many of the projects would have to be deferred or simply not be done.

In addition to its community value, SCCI also provides services to the state by working in partnership with Coos Bay School District, Southwestern Oregon Community College, and the Department of Forestry. SCCI is an integral partner with Coos Forest Protective Association providing statewide support crews to Oregon's fire services as well as inmate training for wildland fire fighting. SCCI crews cut trails, lay hose lines, provide "mop up" of burned areas as well as additional support outside of hazard zones. The work and training received in fire services are skills the inmates take back to communities throughout the state upon their release. Fire Chief Mark Anderson with the City of Coos Bay confirmed that the closure of SCCI would have immediate impact on three counties (Coos, Curry, and Western Douglas) as they enter fire season.

You will also hear testimony today regarding additional impacts to our region from the City of Lakeside who supplies the utility services to Shutter Creek with revenues of over \$200,000. The city has recently been tasked by the DEQ to replace their water treatment plant but with this loss of revenues that will not be possible to achieve by sewer fees alone.

We understand the state is faced with the difficult task of balancing a deficit budget, but we would urge you to not balance the budget on our rural area that is already heavily impacted by job loss from the closure of the Georgia Pacific Mill last year and the loss of tourism revenues from the pandemic.

Thank you for consideration of this testimony,

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Rodger Craddock
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RE: Proposed Closure of Shutter Creek Correctional Institution

Dear Co-Chair Senator Manning and Co-Chair Representative Sollman:

We understand that the Department of Corrections is proposing closure of Shutter Creek Correctional Institution (SCCI). We write to you today because we are incredibly concerned about the short and long-term impacts the closure of the SCCI will have on communities in Coos and western Douglas counties, as well as on the counties themselves. Our communities and counties struggle with economic recovery, and this closure would likely be a death blow from which we would not recover.

SCCI employs over 90 state employees, all of which are good paying jobs which support businesses within our communities. The City of Lakeside in Coos County will be severely impacted as approximately 22% of the Lakeside's wastewater revenues are derived from the SCCI. This is equal to about \$225,000 annually. Recently, at the insistence of DEQ, Lakeside has initiated plans to relocate and replace its wastewater treatment plant. The estimated cost of this new facility will probably be more than \$10 million. Lakeside's project will largely be funded through local sewer rates. With the loss of the SCCI sewer revenue, this project will require substantial sewer rate increases and would make Lakeside sewer rates among the highest in the State.

The pandemic and the precautions taken to limit the spread of COVID-19 has resulted in a huge impact to our local economy during a time when much of rural Oregon is still trying to recover from the last recession. While we understand the State is trying to balance its budget, which is no easy task, balancing this budget on the backs of rural communities will only add insult to injury to our most vulnerable communities.

On behalf of Coos County and our South Coast region, we are calling upon you to take the option of closing the SCCI off the table.

Sincerely,

Melissa F. Cribbins
Coos County Chair

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July 22, 2020

Oregon Legislature Joint Ways and Means Committee
Senator Betsy Johnson
Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward
Representative Dan Rayfield

Dear Senator Johnson, Senator Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield,

I am writing in regards to the possible closing of Shutter Creek Correctional Institution in relationship to the current economic, budget crisis that is facing the State of Oregon.

My name is Mike Robison and I am the District Manager for Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA). CFPA is a private, non-profit Association that has been providing fire protection in Coos, Curry and Western Douglas County since 1910. We provide wildland fire protection on all State, private, miscellaneous Federal and Bureau of Land Management lands in our district. We work closely with Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and through a contract with ODF, provide additional protection to all private lands within our district which encompasses 1.5 million acres of forest land.

Coos Forest Protective Association has worked closely with the Department of Corrections (DOC) at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution to utilize two 10 person Adults in Custody (AIC) crews, for wildland firefighting and other forestry-related work for well over 20 years. This hasn't only provided a service for just CFPA and DOC, but it benefits the communities and the AIC's as well. With a fairly remote location on the Southern Oregon Coast, Shutter Creek is in a prime location to quickly support wildland fire suppression activities for the Southern Oregon Area. The area we support with these fire-trained crews is Lane, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Curry counties. With the magnitude of the fire seasons in recent history being extreme in Southern Oregon, the placement of Shutter Creek and quick response of these crews has been critical in wildland fire suppression on over 70 fires for a total of 372 - 12 hour work shifts since 2013.

The AICs receive wildland firefighter training that is a national qualification that they retain once released. They get wildland firefighting experience for 2-4 years while incarcerated. This training includes powersaw safety and experience as well. Once released, they have wildland firefighting experience and qualifications that usually give them options on which job works the best for them and their post-prison restrictions. They also have experience doing forestry-related

work, which many of them commonly utilize for year round employment working in the logging industry or for a forestry reforestation crew.

When not on fires, the forestry AIC crews have worked for State Parks, South Slough Estuary, City of Gold Beach, City of Coos Bay, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, and Douglas County Road Department. This work varies from cutting brush, to tree planting, water hole development and much more. The crews worked for a month clearing state and county roads in Douglas County after the late February snowstorm that shut down the highways and left people stranded in 2019.

For these reasons, shutting down the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution would negatively affect the Southern Oregon Area's wildland firefighting resources and it would also have a negative impact on many other agencies, communities and the public in general.

Sincerely,

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Michael E Robison
District Manager
Coos Forest Protective Association

July 27, 2020

Co-Chairs and members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety:

I am writing to you today in opposition to the closure of the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution (SCCI), a 302-bed minimum custody facility located in Coos Bay, Oregon. As you have heard from many of the testimonies, the closure of this institution would cause financial hardships to the remote area of Coos Bay as well as the Department of Corrections (ODOC) staff who work at that facility. It will mean the closure of several vital support systems for the area such as the 911 dispatching and fire crews. It will also mean having to relocate the Adults in Custody (AICs) located at SCCI.

Although I would prefer there be no ODOC institution closures, I'm a firm believer that you do not offer an objection unless you can offer an alternative. These are hard times and if the committee feels that the only alternative is to close an ODOC facility, I would suggest that the committee look at closing two facilities as a possible solution instead of closing SCCI. The first facility is the Two Rivers Correctional Minimum (TRCM), a 128-bed minimum custody facility in Umatilla, Oregon. TRCM is located on the same campus as the larger medium custody Two Rivers Correctional Institution (TRCI). The second is the Snake River Correctional Minimum (SRCM), a 194-bed minimum custody facility in Ontario, Oregon. This facility is located on the same campus as the larger medium custody Snake River Correctional Institution (SRCI).

Why does considering these two facilities make more sense than closing SCCI?

1. The closing of these two smaller facilities would only displace about the same number of AICs.
2. By closing two facilities instead of one, you still have the financial savings resulting from building closures while spreading out the hardship impact created by those closures.
3. Since both institutions are located on the same campus as larger institution they share some resources. For example, Health Services staff are housed in the larger medium facility and staff cross the campus to the smaller minimum facility to provide services. Something that doesn't exist at SCCI.
4. Vital services for the community currently located by TRCM and SRCM have a chance of being moved to the large medium facilities rather than just discontinued.
5. Additionally, because of this co-location with larger facilities, it also opens the possibility that some displaced staff could transfer and not leave the area. The closing of SCCI does not offer this opportunity and would cause additional hardships to displaced staff.
6. Lastly, while both Umatilla and Ontario are rural in nature, there are larger population areas in easy commuting distances that would offer a greater chance of reemployment opportunities to those staff that couldn't be relocated or fill existing vacancies within ODOC. This opportunity to staff who would be displaced by the closure doesn't exist in the Coos Bay area.

In closing, while I would hate to see any ODOC facility closed, I feel that if the committee can see no other alternative than institution closures to provide the financial savings, then I ask that they consider (or reconsider) closing ones that would lessen the burden placed on both the communities housing those institutions and Oregon Department of Corrections employees who rely upon their positions to provide for themselves and their families.

Respectfully,
Arlene Pavlisick
37800 River Drive
Lebanon, OR 97355

Co-chair Janeen Soliman and Co-chair James Manning and committee members, thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of Shutter Creek Correctional Facility, and the communities of Lakeside, Reedsport, Coos Bay, North Bend and Florence that will be adversely affected with the proposed closure of Shutter Creek. My name is Boomer Wright and I live in Reedsport, in Douglas County just 10 miles from Lakeside which is home to the economically important and highly successful Shutter Creek Facility.

Shutter Creek is the regional re-entry facility for the counties of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Jackson and Josephine. Minimum custody inmates who are nearing the end of their sentence are typically transferred to Shutter Creek to participate in reentry programs and are typically released into one of these six counties. Shutter Creek and its skilled and talented employees make a positive difference in the lives of these inmates and help them re-enter regular life with learned skills and education necessary to help them be successful in society.

According to employees of Shutter Creek, over 100 family-wage jobs and many indirectly connected local businesses are threatened by potential revenue reduction. The closure would decrease revenue in neighboring counties and cities as well. Lakeside alone would likely lose a quarter of a million dollars in sewer fees a year. The loss to Lakeside, a community of 1,700 individuals, and the extended communities of over three million dollars in wage revenue annually, would be beyond devastation. The remaining fiscal burden would then be passed along to the local residents, mostly made up of retired families already adversely affected by the Covid closures and on fixed incomes. They can ill afford increased fees and any proposed new taxation.

The closure of Shutter Creek would only increase some of the highest unemployment rates in Oregon which are close to 18% on the south coast. The south coast has been slowly working its way back economically from the devastation caused by the closure of most of our local mills which were the lifeblood of our communities and family wage jobs. The south coast and its hard-working Oregonians need industry growth and job creation not closures and lost revenue. I implore you to remove Shutter Creek Correctional Facility from the list of major budget changes and preserve the unique services it provides to the inmates, employees, local communities, and all of Oregon.

Thank you for listening, and my God bless and give you the strength, knowledge, and wisdom to make the tough decisions that lay ahead of you. Thank you!

July, 24th 2020

Co-Chairs Manning and Sollman, and members of the committee,

My name is Cal Mukumoto, resident of Coos Bay, and candidate for State Representative of House District 9.

I'm writing today to voice my opposition to the proposal to close Shutter Creek in North Bend. I understand that lawmakers are facing tough decisions ahead. The global COVID-19 pandemic, with its economic fallout combined with calls for criminal justice reform, requires some tough conversations all at once. Thank you for taking on these hard decisions.

I believe it would be shortsighted and counterproductive to close facilities like Shutter Creek at this time, absent any long-term strategy for the state, region, and local community. Closing this facility would be a significant disruption to the families of the South Coast. These family-wage jobs are critically important to our rural economy, and the North Bend area can't absorb the job losses. The closure of Shutter Creek would impact more than 100 corrections staff and hundreds of their family members, not to mention the reduction in income taxes that support critical local services. The families in my community are already reeling from the global pandemic; this proposal would further destabilize their lives.

Closing Shutter Creek will result in hundreds of families to choose between being forced to live separately to stay employed (if they move to a different facility) or having to uproot their entire families to a new part of the state.

As someone who's spent decades in business and economic development in Oregon, I've seen firsthand the devastating impacts that can happen to a community when decisions are made by people hundreds or thousands of miles away. I've seen what happens when families have to make the impossible choice between paying for housing, food, or medicine when their jobs vanished. I understand that change is inevitable; I only ask that you don't pull the rug out from the South Coast people at the worst possible time.

What's more, the incarcerated individuals at Shutter Creek will just be moved to other facilities, potentially leading to more crowding, more dangerous conditions for inmates and staff, as well as potentially creating more COVID-19 hotspots. This proposal will lead to more pain for those who've already had enough of it.

I urge you to oppose this plan. I thank you for your time and your work in making these tough decisions.

Sincerely,
Cal Mukumoto
Coos Bay

To whom it may concern.

I know the decisions you are about to make are not easy. I am a proud new employee at Shutter Creek and have a wife Shelby and two small children Makenzie and Wyatt and reside in Reedsport. My wife and I love the Oregon coast and moved here from Los Angeles to be close to her parents. After my family has grown to love our home and create memories here it will be hard to uproot the family leaving behind family, friends and community if positions in Oregon Department of Corrections are even offered as you well know. My family is proud of my accomplishments working for ODOC and I am grateful for their sacrifices they have made. If this closure is approved more sacrifices would be made by my family and that's a hard for me to ask. There are very few jobs available during this pandemic in these small towns. I would like you to know my thoughts.

New upgrades and perks to SCCI:

- Generators
- Fire suppression system
- Roofs on many buildings
- Camera system
- Expanded yard
- Optic lines
- Low operating cost after it was acquired from U.S. General Services Administration at no cost to Oregon tax payers in 1990.
- Release and re-entry facility for the counties of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Jackson and Josephine.

Local economy negative effects:

- Best employer in two counties.
- Every working adult in household relocates.
- Each child will have to be uprooted from schools and friends.
- Local large businesses and small businesses will suffer from those good salaries leaving the county.
- Families Selling or losing homes and leaving area costing counties millions.
- Having to pay Unemployment to laid off workers.

SCCI Adult in Custody Programs:

- Education/Ged
- Transition Programs
- Pathfinder and Parenting
- On and Offsite work programs
- Wildland fire and Camp Support Crews

- Religious Services
- Alcoholic and Narcotics Anonymous
- Incentive Housing
- Joys of Living Assistance Dogs Programs
- Structural Firefighting Training

Family wellness:

- Staff being a positive influence in the community.
- Layoff Bumping process after you move your family.
- Leaving support system of friends and family.
- Lots of outdoor hobbies.
- Uncertainty.
- Much higher housing and rent price around other Oregon prisons.
- Community support has been great.
- High cost of moving.
- Moving families into communities with high rates of the Covid-19.
- Changing Doctors that are unfamiliar to patients needs.

A.I.C wellness:

- Positive interaction with Staff.
- Opportunities for visiting.
- Financial planning.
- Connecting AICs with community business leaders.
- Releasing AICs that are better prepared and confident.
- Closing facility's that house nearly 800 AICs will make social distancing harder during a Covid-19 Pandemic and creating potential law suits.

Thank you for taking time to read this and the opportunity this great state has given my family and I.

Sincerely,

Dan Garbe and SCCI Family

Greetings,

Co-Chair Sollman and Co-Chair Manning, Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety,

Thank you for taking time to read my testimony regarding the possible closing of Shutters Creek. Be advised that I have never been involved in budgets or politics and have no experience writing letters of this nature. Please excuse any ignorance on my behalf and know that I believe to the best of my ability that any numbers and information I am listing are as accurate as possible in the short amount of time I was afforded during my own work week to gather the information.

First of all I would like to introduce myself and let you know why this is a subject so close to my heart. I am the proud wife of a Corrections officer at Shutters Creek. My husband and I have been together since we were 15, 30 years now and counting. Therefore, I feel I can safely speak on behalf of both of us. I also feel compelled to speak for the many close friends we have made as well as all the employees I have yet to meet in person that work with my husband. I also feel like the Adults in Custody (AIC's) that are housed at Shutters Creek should be represented.

A little about us. We were both born and raised here in Coos County. We have 2 beautiful daughters ages 18 and 22. Over the years, we have had our share of struggles trying to make a living, better ourselves and raise a family in Coos County. My husband is loyal, dedicated and hardworking to a fault. One of his first jobs right out of high school was at a local mill, he worked for less than a month and it promptly shut down and laid off all its workers. He got another job at a larger local mill and he worked for a week, when that mill also shut down. He was laid off one week before Christmas. Then he was hired on at a local ranch. I was hired on as well and we worked often side by side during that time. When we became pregnant with our first child he strived to find something that would support us, was more reliable, dependable and would offer benefits to help support our new family. This is when he found a job at Les Schwab in North Bend. We figured out after he had been at Les Schwab almost 10 years that the only way it seemed to truly excel in the company would be to take a management position. Unfortunately that would have required us to leave friends and family and move away likely to somewhere like California where no one wanted to go due to the cost of living and or living conditions. We had our second child during that time. Moving was not in the cards for us with small children as we wanted to stay close to family. Luckily, about that time, a position came open at the Coos County Jail he applied and became a Deputy Sheriff. He was interested in law enforcement even in high school but life had gotten in the way until that opportunity arose. He was at the Coos County Jail for about 4 years and he intended to retire from there but low and behold, there was a budget crisis within the county. His position was eliminated. He put in an application to Shutters Creek and thankfully was hired. Shortly after he accepted the position he was told his job might be able to be saved at the county but we felt that the state position was more stable. Little did we know we would be in this position again 13 years later.

Staying in this area has often been tough from an employment standpoint but we struggled through because it afforded us the opportunity to stay close to family and friends and care for aging grandparents and eventually parents. Just 3 years ago, we were finally able to find a piece of property that suited our needs with an old fixer upper 1937 house. For the last 3 years, we have been putting our heart and soul into rehabbing the house and the neglected 14 acres that goes along with it. We have just recently started a small scale farm on the side and had planned that it would be our retirement hobby.

We have aging parents and family members and fully expect that at some time we will have to help with caring for them in the future. We had hoped that if our young adult daughters continue to stay in this area we would be here to help them as needed. For these reasons and the fact that we just plain love living on the Southern Oregon Coast, that we had fully planned on retiring here.

So as you might imagine the news about Shutter Creek possibly closing due to budget short falls is devastating. It is just as devastating to the other nearly 100 employees who work there each with their own set of circumstances. Unfortunately this is not the first time since working for Shutter Creek that we have heard talk of budget crisis and been threatened with possible closures but Shutter Creek has been spared, I can only imagine for many of the reasons I will cite below.

Our community has so few family wage jobs that I would contend that there has to be other places within the budget of DOC that reductions could be and should be made. Prisons in larger more populated areas, with more job opportunities locally, with the ability for staff to transfer closer to home, perhaps within commuting distance. Hopefully this would not have nearly the devastating effect on the communities they are in. Shutter Creek however has a huge impact on our economy as jobs here are scarce. Not to mention that cost of doing business in a rural depressed area such as ours should expect to be significantly less than in a larger more socioeconomically diverse area.

A concerted effort needs to be made to try to find a better solution to this budget problem and to look at the impact that it will have on not only families like my own but at the bigger picture and the affect that this will have on our entire community. I have spoken with many other staff and spouses of shutter Creek and we are at a loss as to what will come of us.

Our community is so geographically distant from the next nearest prison that it would be nearly impossible to continue to live here and take a position in another institution even if offered a transfer. My husband has looked into it and the only way to make it work even in the short run would require sharing a rental maybe with several other officers during the work week, or living in a camp trailer and commuting home on the weekends. That would only be if the next nearest prison had openings. From what we can estimate this would still cost upwards of \$1,000 dollars per month, not counting many other costs of living and traveling back and forth by our estimate with no quality of life. I can't even fathom how people will be able to afford to keep working for DOC and not be forced to sell their homes and leave their communities or separate from their families. This is only if he can employment at the nearest facility.

However, I also can't imagine finding any other job within this community either that will afford people the opportunity to continue to afford to live here. It is rare to find good jobs that pay competitive wages, for a person or 2 let alone 100. People have said "just move" but that is not an easy answer for any of us. We have ties here we have just recently bought our house, we have family to care for. I have worked and loved my job for the last 12 years, not to mention taking care of our small upstart farm. WE DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE!

In April of 2019 Georgia Pacific closed and there were mass layoffs. We know of many people that were affected by this closure and some that have still not recovered. I know at least one of the employees that was laid off from Georgia-Pacific, his wife also works with me at NBMC, who was just hired on at Shutter Creek, his first day of work was Monday of this very week. I can't even imagine what they are going through. The relief of finally finding another good job in this area that can support a family then the news, that he might be laid off again before he has even started his first week.

Shutter Creek employees are essential and valuable community members; staff and families including ourselves have been and are currently, actively involved in our communities, serving on commissions, boards, participating in volunteering organizations, coaching kids' teams, and others giving their time to our community in many ways. We also have a high ratio of employees who are veterans.

Shutters Creek is a unique facility in many respects. I am sure you have heard some, or maybe all of this information already but here is what I know.

I am of the understanding that Shutters Creek has many contracts within the community, maybe more than any other Oregon correction facility, perhaps due to its locale. There are more local business and other government entities that contract and or benefit from Shutters Creek being here than I had time to research specifics on but here are a few examples.

- The small neighboring town of Lakeside alone will lose almost a quarter million in revenue from sewer fees. These fees assist in keeping their systems operational. I received figures from the water works office today and it appears that the total budget for 2018-19 was \$875,000, that means they stand to lose almost 25% of their entire budget. The city is currently in the midst of upgrading their systems and counts on this annual revenue from Shutters Creek. I am sure that much of this will have to be offset by the members from within its small low-income community.
- Local small rural hospitals will also lose needed revenue. I spoke with community relations for Lower Umpqua hospital in Douglas County and they estimate losses of nearly \$100,000. Which may not seem like a lot but for small rural hospitals it could be a significant blow.
- Bay Area Hospital in Coos County also stands to lose revenue as they provide service to staff and AIC's as well. Unfortunately, I was not able to get hard numbers for the total effect of the loss of Shutters Creek employees, as time did not permit. For AIC's I received information from staff in the financial department that in the last 5 years there has been at least \$375,000 in billings just from AIC alone. Some charges may have not been captured as they may have been billed to OMAH/ WOAHA etc..
- Shutters Creek has other contracts with local business and the ripple effect of those lost revenues will be seen for years to come. Unfortunately, I was not able to gather more details in time for the meeting.

Shutters creek also has many unique programs that will be lost. Many of which will require funding from other entities in order to replace.

Work crews perform many necessary duties within our community, some of these include:

- ODOT, doing roadside cleanup of trash and debris as well as keeping roadsides clear during fire season., gorse removal.
- Fish and Game, performing duties to help with habitat restoration.
- Coos Forest Protection Agency, fire prevention, tree planting, maintenance of forestry roads, storm clean up to name a few projects.
- Coos Bay, North Bend, Lakeside, Hauser, Coquille School districts especially in the summer, doing grounds and building maintenance and moving classrooms etc.
- Local cities, lakeside, Coos Bay and North Bend to perform clean up duties, recently (before Covid restrictions) there has been a lot of work done to clean up homeless camps and keep parks and public areas safe. Brush removal for fire danger and public safety.
- Salmon Harbor (Winchester Bay) Rebuilding docks, family picnic areas.
- They are hired for clean up after activities such as Dune fest (not sure which entity pays for that)
- US forest service hires for water shed enhancement, camp ground clean up and beautification from as far north as Cape Perpetua to as far south as Bandon, tree planting, invasive beach grass removal/ planting of native grass. As well as removing gorse and scotch broom, setting up and

removal for the breeding season and habitat enhancement for the Snowy Plover, maintenance of accessibility paths for beach access. Removal of hazardous beach debris and trash clean up.

- Numerous Coos Water Shed projects
- North Bend and Lakeside Airport maintenance
- In past years they have worked with Hospice and the Port of Bandon
- Wildland Fire and Camp Support Crews – This program is AIC's who have been trained to provide wildland fire support. For some counties it is the largest local support they have to fight local fires. Many AIC's have completed this program while incarcerated and successfully gained employment upon release.

Without access to Shutter Creek work crews, these government entities will have to pay more in the private sector to have these same services, yet another blow to the local taxpayers.

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Another previous AIC stated,

“true rehabilitation and reduction in recidivism is proven to be very much rooted in having a support system and connection. The reality of closing Shuttters Creek would doom many inmates with a local tie to become even further estranged from their families that are trying to maintain a relationship.

Those relationships, and the established connection, is what can make or break someone’s desire to be a productive member of society, instead of reverting to institutionalized behaviors.

Shipping them off to Eastern Oregon and elsewhere isn’t the answer. Coos County and the surrounding areas are some of the most economically depressed in Oregon. Saying these families could or should just travel to other areas isn’t realistic in application... and it’s just... sad that it’s even being considered.”

Last but certainly not least, there has been over MILLION dollars recently spent on infrastructure upgrades to Shuttters Creek. Most of which DOC will not be able to recoup, and most of which was spent in the last 6 months. My understanding that some of the rough figures are as follows:

- \$460k Generators
- \$385k Fire pump
- \$60k Boiler in C-Dorm
- \$24K B-Dorm
- \$70K Roofs on Dining Hall and Courtney Hall
- I was not able to find out the cost of the communications infrastructure in time for the meeting.

(I was hoping I could quote specific numbers but ran out of research time and I believe these are close.)

If Shuttters Creek is closed then the DOC loses the property which is currently leased for \$1.00 per year, and what happens to all that infrastructure?.

Meanwhile other prisons around the state are in desperate need of major upgrades potentially costing millions yet they will remain open and ultimately those funds will need to be spent on infrastructure in order to keep them safe and functioning. I have been told that there are fines to the tune of \$10,000 per month being paid by tax payers because these buildings are out of compliance with needed upgrades. Yet these are the facilities that are being saved and ours is on the potential chopping block.

I would also suggest that once the courts finally up and are running at full capacity, there would be an expected influx of people being incarcerated. The reduction of 800 beds (between Shuttters and Warner Creek) without any potential for reopening if necessary puts both staff and AIC’s at potential risk of complications for overcrowding. Which is already a problem within the DOC. Overcrowding creates potential security, safety and sanitation risk for both AIC’s and staff. With and increased population of AIC’s in any given facility they will have less access to vital rehabilitation programs as well and more likely hood of recidivism.

So as a citizen and a tax payer it concerns me that this decision to close a facility is not in the best interest of the tax payers. If closure is the only answer it would be better close dilapidated prisons in areas of less socioeconomic impact. Ones that are on state owned property, who can sit vacant for a while and then if needed be reopened once the economy recovers and or the necessity arises. Not ones like Shuttters Creek that have no hope for re-opening as the state will no longer possess the facilities or the property they are on.

Covid has hit everyone hard. These are strange and difficult times we live in. I also realize that we are not the only families or communities affected by failing budgets and hard decisions. But this too shall pass. I know that there has to be another way.

Please look into the concept of “Satellite institutions” that might offer cost saving measure, if looked at harder and this may be able to be used at other facilities or perhaps at Shuttters Creek to lower admin costs. I am sure it would take a lot more work and research but I would think that there is almost always waste, redundancy and “fat” that could be trimmed from most budgets that may decrease or eliminate the need to close any particular facility, at least not permanently, and especially not ours.

These decisions cannot be taken lightly, the wide reaching consequences to families communities will be permanent if this proceeds. Please look for another option. Shuttters Creek may be a small piece in a very big puzzle but it is a very important piece to our community and I believe to the DOC.

Thank you for your time,

Concerned wife of a Shuttters Creek Corrections Officer,
Angie Baarstad

Subject: Written Testimony Regarding Shutter Creek Closure
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 2:19:53 PM
Attachments:

Dear Co-Chairs and Committee Members of Joint Interim Committee on Way and Means Subcommittee,

Thank you greatly for the opportunity to express our concerns regarding the potential closure of the State's Shutter Creek Correctional Facility (SCCF).

The recent announcement to close SCCF in Hauser is of grave concern to the City and residents of Lakeside Oregon. The City of Lakeside has been treating SCCF's wastewater effluent since the early 1990s. A closure of SCCF will have significant detrimental financial impacts to the City's operating budget by eliminating 22% of our current wastewater treatment plant revenue and reducing funds for future replacement of our existing wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater treatment plant replacement is required by FEMA due to its current location in a floodway. A rate study was completed in 2020 by Donovan Enterprises, Inc. resulting in a roughly 10% sewer rate fee increase effective July 1, 2020 with annual increases to provide capital for the estimated \$10 million dollar wastewater plant replacement. A statement from Donovan Enterprises, the firm conducting the rate study, is attached herein. Closure of SCCF translates to a loss of sewer operating revenue of \$18,747.12 per month or \$224,965.41. In order to keep the "doors open" to continue operating an essential facility with a 22% reduction will result in additional rate increases for the existing customers. The socio economics of this region do not support such rate increases already suffering from COVID impacts and job losses.

Another financial shortcoming exasperated by a closure of SCCF is that Lakeside has no other form of permanent property tax base. Lakeside literally runs on a "shoe string" budget now and closure of the SCCF will have the severe economic impacts to the City of Lakeside as well as adjacent communities.

I strongly encourage you to not close SCCF, and/or replace the closure with another correctional facility elsewhere with less impacts. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 541-404-8214.

Sincerely,

Mayor James Edwards

Loree Pryce, Acting City Manager

City of Lakeside, OR



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July 20, 2020

Ms. Loree Pryce, City Manager
915 North Lake Road
Lakeside, Oregon 97449

Re: Closure of the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution

Dear Ms. Price,

On July 16th, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported State budget officials are considering closing the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution (SSCI) in North Bend. Under the proposed plan, the 302-bed facility would close immediately. This proposal will have a detrimental financial impact on the City's wastewater utility. SSCI is the City's largest wastewater treatment customer and is currently billed \$18,747.12 per month by the City for wastewater treatment services. This translates to \$224,965.41 per year and funds 22% of the wastewater utility's fiscal 2020-2021 revenue requirement. In terms of wastewater flows, SSCI contributes wastewater at a rate of 170 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs).

SSCI is outside the City limits but has been a City wastewater treatment customer since 1990. The facility is located at 95200 Shutters Landing lane, North Bend. SSCI provides preliminary and primary treatment of sewage generated on-site. Effluent is then conveyed through approximately 15,700 lineal feet of 4-inch and 6-inch diameter variable grade pressure-gravity sewer to the City's wastewater treatment plant. The design average day flow for this facility is 28,000 gallons per day.

If SSCI is closed, the City will not be able to replace the wastewater rate revenues from a new/replacement customer. Because wastewater system costs are effectively fixed over a relevant range of operations, the City will have to raise rates on the existing customer base to fund the system revenue requirements. This situation will also impact the City's plan to relocate and replace the existing wastewater treatment plant.

I strongly suggest you and the City Council get in contact with your State and Federal elected representatives to share the hardships that will befall the wastewater ratepayer of Lakeside if the SSCI closure moves from a proposal to a policy decision. If you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Steven J. Donovan
President

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Subject: Closing of shutters creek Thursday,
Date: July 23, 2020 6:39:13 PM

I am and have been a resident of Coos Bay for about 42 years. I wish to let everybody know that I am against closing of this inmate institution. I feel this institution is a very important part of the community. Thank you for taking your time to read this. Connie Cooley

Subject: Closing of Shutters Creek Thursday,
Date: July 23, 2020 7:24:38 PM

I am born and raised here in coos county. I have been married for 25 years and have a 20 year old son. My husband has worked in this community all his life. After high school he went to college and after 2 years decided to come home and work. He went to work for Weyerhaeuser until they shut down. Thankfully Georgia pacific came in and he went to work for them. In 2009 they closed down a shift and he had to train another person to take over his position. He then went to work for ORC the Cromite plant that came here and they ended up shutting down after a year. Luckily Georgia Pacific was up and running all 3 shifts so he went back to work there until they permanent shut down in 2019. He applied to be a CO at shutters creek and a year later after the long process of getting hired he got the call welcoming him on board. He started Monday as in 4 days ago. Do you have any idea what this has done to him? He is truly devastated by the thought of losing another job due to shutting down. Do you have any idea what it is like to try to support a family in this declining area? How many times we thought about moving and transferring our son to a different school. Leaving his friends and sporting activities. My husband has done everything he could to support our family. All the sacrifices he has made. This does not just affect him either. I have read comments from past inmates about how much that program benefited them before they got released into the real world. This community has suffered enough. The employees that have been there for years do not deserve this! Please consider keeping SCCI open! This community cannot handle another shut down with hundreds of lost jobs. Enough is enough!

Stacie Kellar

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Subject: Closing of shutters creek
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:59:02 AM

As a citizen of coos county for over 40 years I want to encourage you to keep SCCI open.

Cc:

Subject:

Closure of Shutter Creek Correctional Institution

Date:

Friday, July 24, 2020 9:00:48 PM

Today I called in to the Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety 2020-07-24 public meeting and gave oral testimony. I spoke of how it was going to affect me mentally and financially. I would like to share with you how this closure would affect our local communities. There are approximately 12 Security Staff and approximately 4 Security Plus Staff that live in Douglas County, Reedsport. There are approximately 42 Security Staff and 35 Security Plus Staff that live in Coos County, whether Coos Bay, North Bend, Hauser, Lakeside, Charleston, Coquille, Myrtle Point or Bandon. The majority of our staff are married or have significant others that either own businesses in these communities or hold jobs in them, then there are their children, that are in school and holding down jobs. This would realistically add up to an estimated 200+ jobs that would be leaving these already depressed counties. With these families leaving that would mean that the local businesses would be under financial hardships with the loss of business. Shutter Creek Correctional Institution has helped support these communities with our 10 person, AIC offsite work crews. Our crews have worked with our local schools, performing landscape maintenance during the summer months, getting them ready for re-opening after summer break. They have worked with the Oregon Department of Transportation Road Maintenance Crews, assisting in debris clean up along Highway 38 during the 2019 snow storm that devastated that entire stretch of road between Reedsport and Interstate 5. They work 5 days a week with organizations, such as, Coos Forest Protection, Sunset Bay State Parks, Port of Bandon, South Coast Hospice, Salmon Harbor Maintenance, Hauser Fire Department, Coos Bay School District, Reedsport School District and possibly a few that I may have overlooked. These organizations have relied on our work crews to complete much needed work that they would not be able to afford if they had to hire full time employees. Our AIC's have taken a lot of pride in the work they have done in our communities. The AIC's have also learned skills that they can use once they have released from our institution.

On another side of this potential closure, Shutter Creek Correctional Institution is on land that is owned by the federal government, and is leased for \$1 per year. Warner Creek Correctional Facility is on land that was donated by a local land owner. If these two institutions were to close then the land and their structures would return to the federal government and the landowner and never would be able to be regained by DOC again. SCCI has a cell phone tower, belonging to Verizon. There is a communications tower for the Coos County Police and the local 911 dispatch. Without SCCI, their access to these towers would be difficult. The City of Lakeside has their waste water treatment plant that receives an approximate of \$220,000 per. Without this support from SCCI, the City of Lakeside would be devastated.

Many of our staff would be forced to retire or quit due to financial difficulty or family situations that would not allow them to move. I implore you to please take a look at all options before making a decision to close these institutions, our communities need us.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Officer Terry Lowery
Shutter Creek Correctional Institution

Subject: Cuts to Public Safety
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 7:58:33 PM

Families across Coos County depend on jobs at Shutter Creek and the local infrastructure these jobs demand, closing the facility without worker input will unnecessarily harm those who keep our communities safe.

Closing a prison will result in hundreds of families either being forced to live separately to stay employed or having to disrupt their lives by being forced to move significant distances for one spouse to stay employed or instead choose or be forced to be laid off.

When the legislature released its proposal to close Shutter Creek, they did so without seeking the input of DOC employees who know the system and realities better than anyone.

This was a political decision, not a practical decision. Based on this proposal, the legislature has not developed a thoughtful policy on how to decrease the population before closing facilities in a sustainable way.

Something like that can only be done after involving all of the stakeholders and collaboratively developing any needed reformation within the criminal justice system - from a review of the criminal statutes, to arrest, to sentencing, to incarceration and programming leading to the eventual release and community supervision.

With around 1,000 temporary and emergency beds in use without a corresponding increase in staffing, closing Shutter Creek would put additional strain on an already understaffed department, putting DOC employees in unnecessary risk.

Furthermore, if Shutter Creek were to close, DOC would be moving AICs from one facility to another, thereby increasing the potential for COVID19 to spread within the DOC even more.

The bottom line, until we have safely eliminated all of the temporary and emergency beds and those reforms may have further created a reduced population - then and only then can we have a productive discussion on how to safely consider closing facilities.

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Subject: Do not close down Shutter Creek prison
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 4:22:32 PM

To:
Ways & Means Committee on Public Safety
Honorable Co-Chair Senator Manning, Jr.
Honorable Co-Chair Representative Sollman
Honorable Members of the Joint Interim

I am writing to you today to ask you to keep Shutter Creek prison open. Coos county has already been hit hard economically and this will make things much worse. I know several people employed by the prison whose lives will be turned upside down if you close it. You are supposed to be helping people, not hurting them. Do the right thing and keep Shutter Creek prison open.

Sincerely,
Sherry Windham

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To: Chris Seiger <seigerchris@gmail.com>

To Whom it May Concern,

If you asked me seven years ago if I would ever write an email to try to keep a prison open, you would of seen a strung out burden to society laughing in your face. I also would have been plotting on what I could take from you, finding out where your live, and when you went on vacation.

I wasn't raised to be a thief, or in a home with anything but great examples of a functioning home. After a few years of poor choices when I was 20 I had spent many years without a license to drive and a criminal record making it nearly impossible to hold down a job or maintain a household.

At the time I went to prison, I had been doing drugs of all types from weed to meth for so long I can't even tell you how many years it was. It was a very long time though. This time was spent bouncing from couch to couch, losing apartments and spending longer and longer gaps of days in between visits with my son and twin daughters. I was starting to comint crimes

of various levels of severity most of them without getting caught. The more I got away with the worse they would get. I was strung out and tired and had nothing even close to anything positive to work towards, and I felt it would never get better. Then finally the inevitable happened and I was sent to prison for a felony in possession of a fire arm.

When I was in the Department of Corrections in Oregon, I had done what ever was within my ability to get sent to the Shutter Creek facility. I was trying to get back home. I was scared and wanted to be someplace familiar. I was unaware of the work crews they sent out and jobs inmates could have at the time. Once I was there I saw different groups of inmates gather in the morning and leave, then return I the afternoon. I asked around and before I knew it I was on a work crew and getting to go out the next morning. I was excited to finally get out of the fence and see the world again.

That morning I remember putting on the work boots I had been assigned, and I remember the very moment I laced them up and how at that moment I was part of the working men that make the world function. That moment was the turning point in my life!! From that moment on I would work hard and try with everything I have in me to be a working man and a positive member of society. I worked on various crews and did a number of different jobs during my sentence, from forestry to park maintenance to hospice work in the hospice store in Coos Bay. The main point is I was proud to be working and that same feeling is why I am still working hard everyday, I now have my kids living with me in my home that I rent, my bills are paid.

When I was released my drive to work stayed strong which allowed me to fight off temptations from my old ways. I became a partial owner in a local restaurant and opened a second restaurant after that. I've since found my true passion, which is to build and create. I have been a self employed handyman/contractor. I put smiles on people's faces by assisting homeowners build and maintain their dreams.

To put it cut and dry, Shuttters Creek Correctional Facility changed my life and gave me the direction I needed to become a law abiding, functioning member of my community and I am proud to say I went to prison because it saved me, my kids and the people around me by making me who I am today.

Thank you for your time,
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Subject: Shutters Creek
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 8:07:13 AM

The proposed closure of Shutters Creek and Warner Creek will be crippling to rural Oregon. It has the potential for turning Lakeview, OR into a ghost town.

Shutters Creek was established to create family wage jobs in rural communities which were hit hard by the loss of competitive wage jobs. The land that Shutters Creek resides on is owned by the federal government and was leased for \$1.00 per year as long as it houses adults in custody and maintains the property. If this institution closes it will be returned to the federal government after the Department of Corrections has recently spent millions in upgrades to its institution within the last six months. Shutters Creek has multiple contracts in Coos, Douglas, Curry and Land Counties. It has been said that Shutters Creek has the highest number of contracts than any other institution in Oregon. There will be millions of dollars lost not just in Coos but the other counties as well. This closure will cause an ongoing ripple effect in many counties. With Coos and Douglas to lose the most. The institution employs approximately 94 staff. If the prison closes, we will lose some great community members and their families. Not only are department staff and families actively involved in their communities, serving on commissions, boards, participating in volunteering organizations, coaching kids' teams, and others giving their time to our community in many ways. I am writing this to ask for your support and most of all your voice in spreading the word to keep Shutters Creek open. Our rural community CAN NOT take another huge hit of job loss. The Department of Corrections (DOC) has 14 prisons with four of them being in Salem and two in the Portland area. I urge you to question why attack rural communities? Why not close one of the six that are in areas where there are opportunities to transfer without cause relocation of community members and their families. There are other institutions in Oregon, that are less structurally sound and in dire need of upgrading that the state already owns, and would not lose, unlike Shutters Creek property.

Some of the many programs and services that come out of Shutters Creek are:

Joys of Living Assistance Dogs Program – This is a program where adults in custody train dogs to become service animals for individuals who are desperately in need. There currently is a five year wait list just for our Veterans who are in need of these service animals. The closure will cause our Veterans who have fought for our country to wait even longer.

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with state programs such as: Department of Corrections, and Child Welfare Programs believe in family reunification which is proven to lower future recidivism.

The City of Lakeside alone will lose \$216,000 in sewer fees per year from Shuttters Creek. These fees assist in keeping their systems operational. The city is currently in the mist of upgrading their systems and count on this annual revenue from Shuttters Creek.

Shuttters Creek adults in custody have offsite work crews that have been hired by many city, county, educational districts, airport districts, state parks, ports, forestry, and many non-profit organizations that may not have the budgetary resources. These crews have also gave many hours of volunteer services to our communities such as: Shore Acres Holiday Lights (annually), Lakeside Cemetery, David Dewitt Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Traveling Tribute at Sturdevant Park, Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon, and Relay for Life just to name a few.

There are millions of dollars in contracted services Shuttters Creek provides to our local businesses. As I shared above this will be a rippling effect in our community.

Shuttters Creek staff and adults in custody have done internal fundraising opportunities with funds going to our local children in foster care (Operation Backpack). This internal fundraiser was initiated by adults in custody after watching the local news story of a theft that took place from the storage unit that contained the supplies for Operation Backpack. Operation Backpack supplies children with basic items needed when they are quickly removed from their homes and placed in the foster care system.

As you can see there is so much that is done behind the scenes in our local prisons. Shuttters Creek has continued to stimulate our economy since it was opened in 1990. The loss of this institution will takes decades if not a life time to recover from the financial loss it generates to many counties not just Coos alone.



Matt Young

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Subject: Impact of Shutter Creek Correctional Institution Closure
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:45:47 PM

My husband and I have been residents of Coos County nearly our entire lives. We stay because we believe in the community and love the beauty and all that you can do outdoors on the Southwestern Oregon Coast. We lived temporarily in Salem, Oregon, where my husband began his corrections career as an officer, but returned to our hometown to raise our family when he was able to transfer to a job at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution (SCCI). This was more than 23 years ago. He has since become a lieutenant there and our children have grown up and have families of their own. Like so many other family members of SCCI staff, I work in the community. I am a nurse manager of the Case Management Department at our local hospital. Being the spouse of a correctional employee is not an easy thing, I often watched my husband internalize the stress of working in the correctional facility environment. But over the years he has developed a better balance of work and home life, and he spends many hours outside of work hunting and fishing and doing other outdoor activities he loves to do in this area-often with others who work at SCCI.

Many other spouses and community members have written how the closure of SCCI will impact the lives of those who work at SCCI, the adults in custody (AIC) who are housed there, the families of the employees, the families of the AIC's, the contracted workers, and all of our communities in the area. Communities that are small towns in a rural area. The jobs that can support a family in our rural area are diminishing and the median income is falling. More families and young people are leaving our area, housing costs are rising, and the age of our population is increasing. According to the Coos County Public Health Annual Report, our county has poorer health with more smoking, more obesity, and fewer primary care physicians available than the whole of Oregon. We have fewer high school graduates and more children living in poverty than the rest of Oregon, ranking 35th out of 35 counties in Oregon in Social and Economic Factors. We have watched our area rates worsen as the economy declines. Taking SCCI jobs out of our area will not positively impact these rates or keep young families in our area. It will contribute to the downward trend and families will continue to leave. It will also impact some of the employers of the family members of SCCI, leaving more professional positions open that are hard to fill, such as in the medical community. Our rural cities and the people who live in them should be not discounted, they should be considered just as important as the urban cities and people in Oregon.

In 2015, our governor Kate Brown's original promise was to do what was needed to restore the public's trust in government. She also said she would address economic issues facing working families. The same year, Collette Peters, Director of the Oregon Department of Corrections promised to put Oregon Correctional Staff first and make staff wellness a priority. If SCCI staff move to work in other Oregon correctional facilities, many will be forced to live apart from their families for economic reasons, putting strain on the wellness of the family unit. If SCCI staff and their families decide to stay in Coos County and not continue corrections work, and seek out other employment, this will likely result in economic strain on these families. The jobs just aren't here. Closing SCCI does not restore my trust in my government, it will have a significant impact on the economic issues of SCCI staff, their families, and my family, and in no way puts staff wellness first.

Respectfully,

Angela R. Andersen
(541)404-2743

Subject: Lakeside
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:24:21 PM

I am writing to say that I ask that the lakeside Correctional Facility be remained open. The Pandemic has hit its economy hard enough. This would add more stress to the economy for Lakeside.

I hope it can remain open.

Wayne Sharpe
Florence, Oregon
1635 Myeena Loop
Florence, Oregon
541-999-1993
Sent from my iPhone

Date:

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 5:58:50 PM

I want to encourage you to keep shutters creek open. I did time there years ago. The guards there knew what rehabilitation was. Always thinking of us inmates and what would be beneficial for us to not return. More like social workers. Officer Robert was my red hat boss. He didn't just tell us what to do he would work as hard as any inmate right beside us. It's really unbelievable that anyone would want to close shutters creek. I worked on the forestry crew. On our first forest fire the world news paper said shutters creek outshined the free forestry fire fighters. We were well trained. Shutters creek also has workers in many other places in and around coos bay. Shutters creek has earned its place in coos bay. Shutters creek should stay open. I'm just one voice of experience from being inside the prison. It's been years since I was released. Please pick another prison to close. Thanks my voice on this. I pray you do the right.

Subject: My husband works at Shutter Creek
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:51:33 PM

My husband, Larry Olson is a Correctional Officer at Shutter Creek prison. If it closes, this will be devastating to my family and community.

I am a business owner in Reedsport, Oregon for over 25 years. I own a hair salon and have 4 other stylists that work with me. These stylists have children that they support and live in our small town. If the prison closes I will have to close the salon and move.

Our mom and dad are elderly and have many health issues. They have lived in this community for over 40 years. They are unable to move and have no other family to take care of them.

Unless you have lived in a small town, you don't understand the deviation that closing a business can have. It effects the schools, stores, hospitals, neighborhoods, family members, the money that Shutter Creek brings to our small town is Irreplaceable. Please reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Olson

Owner of Hair 101

Sent using the free mail.com iPhone App

Subject: My written testimony for hearing Friday, July 24, 2020
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 4:40:15 PM

My name is Jennifer Ellgen and I am a Correctional Counselor at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville, Oregon and a union member of AFSME. I have worked within the prison system in various forms of rehabilitation for the past ten years. I am writing you to bring forward my concerns about what feels like a hasty discussion of prison closures in Oregon, specifically Shutter Creek Correctional Facility. I imagine proposing the closure of a prison comes across as the least painful cut in our state budget, and I can assure you from my own experience working within the prison system this knee jerk reaction to a failing economy will come with its own set of problems that will further impact our existing deficit.

From an emotional perspective, my heart hurts thinking about the loss of support and programming these adults in custody will experience due to overcrowding in existing institutions and a lack of staffing to provide these incredible services. Each one of these incarcerated men and women deserve the level of programming and attention that will allow them to release back into our community safely with opportunity and resources. In addition, my heart goes out to the local community and the impact they will feel from the significant loss of jobs and careers. The families across Coos County depend on their jobs/careers at Shutter Creek. Working for an AFSME represented community not only supports the staff, but their children are afforded online college educations that will continue to elevate the communities with which they live. The prison is a large part of an economic lifeline in this small community.

In looking at the Oregon Department of Corrections with a wider lens, the impact of closing an institution will be felt state wide, and the loss of jobs/careers will be felt in each institution. Not to mention, layoffs will be inevitable in each of our institutions if this closure was to be supported and approved. This will leave institutions utilizing emergency beds that will not be properly staffed, unnecessarily increasing the risk to safety for the adults in custody and staff.

It is my hope you will take the time to hear the input of people like myself (DOC employees), as we are the ones on the front line and have a more balanced and holistic view of what losing an institution will do to the adults in custody and the workers investing themselves to rehabilitate and support the men and women who will be re-entering our communities.

Feel free to reach out, as I am open to further conversation and thank you very much for taking the time to read this.

Take care and stay safe,

Jennifer Ellgen, Correctional Counselor
Coffee Creek Correctional Facility
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Subject: Possible shutter creek closure
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:08:39 AM

I urge you to fight for the jobs and families that are rooted in Coos county. The closure of the prison would affects hundreds of families within our community. I know the prison went through and outbreak and they did a very good job during a time of crisis. So this is the thanks they get? Please take a stand and fight for the community and the jobs within.

Thank you

Jessica Laine

Subject: Proposed closure of Shutter Creek Correctional Institution
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 4:11:14 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask for your support in keeping Shutter Creek Correctional Institution in North Bend, Oregon open. The closure of this facility will deal a heavy blow to an already depressed economy in this area. If this facility closes, we will be facing an even larger lack of family wage jobs, and money coming into our economies, as well as displaced workers who may not be able to relocate to other facilities. These small communities will be devastated by the loss, not only from the families supported by SCCI, but by local businesses that contract services with it. Shutter Creek also offers many good programs for the adults in custody, from work crews, wildland firefighting, and service assistance dogs, that might give them a better future upon releasing.

Some of SCCI's employees have already been through the loss of employment due to the decline in the timber or fishing industries, and found it challenging to find work in the area. Our roots are here and we would like to stay. Employees own homes and have spouses with jobs locally, and may not be able to move to other facilities that might have openings. While I am not in favor of anyone losing their job, it makes more sense if there needs to be cuts, to make them in areas where there are several institutions, so employees could transfer to a facility closer to where they already live, keeping their current homes, children's schools, etc.

Shutter Creek, and Warner Creek Correctional Facility, the other institution up for possible closure, are crucial to their small communities. I understand that the land they occupy is not owned by the state, and will revert back to landowners, if they don't remain prisons. What about all the money that has been spent to upgrade SCCI? What will happen if more facilities need to be built in the future? Wouldn't it be better to close a facility that could be reopened, if needed in the future, that is already owned by the state of Oregon?

I understand that cuts must be made, and that it wouldn't be easy to make those decisions, but I plead with you to find other solutions than shutting down Shutter Creek Correctional Institution, and Warner Creek Correctional Facility, whose cities are so dependent on the income they provide.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider my request, and hope that you will allow these facilities to remain open.

Sincerely,

Jennifer McDuffy

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Subject: SCCI closure
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:50:10 AM

My name is Caleb Torgerson I'm a sergeant at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution. I've worked here for 12 years and planned on retiring from SCCI later in life. I reside in Coos Bay where my wife owns a small business and where we have planned to raise our 5 month old daughter. I've grown up in coos county, I've seen it bustling with revenue and I've sadly watched it slowly die as businesses, wood mills, paper plants have all shut down and the workers have moved away. I went to work in the prison system as I felt it was a career that wasn't going anywhere. Now I find that my thinking could be wrong.

Shutter Creek does so much for this small area. Shutter Creek Correctional Institution (SCCI) was acquired from the U.S. General Services Administration at no cost to Oregon taxpayers in January 1990, this former Air National Guard radar station near North Bend has been converted into minimum-security prison. It cost the tax payers nothing. If closed the land would go back to the feds and buildings would sit empty. The same buildings we have recently been upgrading over the last year. The adults in custody (AIC's) help out in many ways here. Working with the parks department, the forestry department, going out and fighting forest fires helping our rural fire departments that don't have the man power to put out simple brush fires. They also help out with community service projects such as helping with relay for life and grounds keeping for the local schools and setting up the holiday lights. Shutter Creek Correctional Institution is also the release facility for six counties. By being a release facility we help get the AIC's ready for society and help facilitate visiting with their families whom they haven't seen in years. Staff also do everything they can to help the AIC's not feel institutionalized and make them feel human again. By not living in an environment made solely of concrete and razor wire they feel more relaxed and like humans, not caged animals. I feel that this is a vital piece of the public safety puzzle and helps reduce the risk of future criminal behavior.

Not only do the AIC's put money into coos county, On average I make about \$70,000 a year. Most of that goes right back into our local economy. Whether it be buying local from stores in this community or supporting the neighbors kids in 4H. We try to keep our money here in coos county. If you close down our prison roughly 100 jobs will be lost. 100 people much like myself will take our lives, our families and our money elsewhere. Losing Not only coos county but Oregon tax dollars, revenue and votes. I'm not here to beg you to keep our prisons open. I'm here to just ask that you rethink your decisions and try to find a better way to fill the budget gap.

Thank you for your time
SGT Torgerson

Sent from my iPhone

July 23, 2020

To: Senator Arnie Roblan <Sen.ArnieRoblan@oregonlegislature.gov>
Representative Caddy McKeown <Rep.CaddyMcKeown@oregonlegislature.gov>
County Commissioner Melissa Cribbins <mcribbins@co.coos.or.us >

Cc: Kyle Stevens <kstevens@SOWIB.org>
Shaun Gibbs <Shaun@scdcinc.org>
Joe Benetti <joe@benettis.com>
Rodger Craddock <rcraddock@coosbay.org>

Greetings:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional economic impact perspective on the proposed closure of the Shutter Creek Correctional Facility.

As you know, the undersigned Southwestern Oregon Workforce Investment Board and South Coast Development Council work collaboratively with diverse regional interests to identify and effectively address regional economic and education/workforce conditions, goals, and opportunities. Our familiarity with those issues leads to the conclusion that continued operation of the Shutter Creek facility, especially during the current crisis, is the most appropriate strategy if the state it to achieve its goals, and support our work to protect our regional economy and its future.

For reasons explained below, closing Shutter Creek at this critical juncture appears unlikely to achieve any significant economic benefit at any meaningful scale. Instead, because Shutter Creek is closely entwined with larger regional considerations, closure would further erode our region's already-precarious economic base and would actually harm educational infrastructure by depriving multiple school districts of access to cost-effective maintenance crews.

Shutter Creek directly benefits the local economy because it provides approximately 100 family-sustaining jobs that cannot be replaced. Local earnings from Shutter Creek employment and contracts – an estimated \$10M – are spent largely locally, and enable existing businesses to remain in operation. Additional business benefits are realized from the facility's direct local purchases of services and perishable food. Finally, of course, Shutter Creek employees are also local taxpayers; eliminating their jobs also deprives local government of needed income.

Continued operation of Shutter Creek means preservation of jobs, businesses and a community fabric that has developed over many years. Closing the facility would not only harm the region now, but would make eventual recovery that much more difficult.

Existing investments in educational infrastructure are directly dependent on Shutter Creek because, as a minimum security facility, it provides school districts -- and local and state government agencies -- in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and occasionally Jackson and Josephine Counties with reliable access to

comparatively inexpensive (and enthusiastic) maintenance crews. Shutter Creek crews are the only prison crews readily available to much of the South Coast, allowing a wide variety of infrastructure investments to be maintained under reduced budgets. For example, the City of Coos Bay estimates that its use of Shutter Creek crews for maintenance of parks and other facilities saved the City at least \$40,000 last year. The value of these crews to the region is perhaps best illustrated by the fact that more than 40 crew contracts with various entities are currently in effect.

Finally, in a region highly vulnerable to wildfire, Shutter Creek's trained firewatch and firefighting crews are immediately available to support the Coos Fire Protective Association. During times of high wildfire risk season, e.g. during and after lightning storms, intensive firewatch can be rapidly implemented at low cost, allowing small fires to be detected early, and controlled if possible until state agency assistance can be mobilized.

We understand that Shutter Creek may at first blush seem a logical target for budget cuts due to its highly rural location. In fact, however, the facility is especially significant for regional prosperity precisely because it is one of our region's few mechanisms for mitigating economic and educational losses.

Thank you for sharing this information as appropriate, and please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Kyle Stevens, Executive Director
Southwestern Oregon Workforce Investment Board



Shaun Gibbs, Executive Director
South Coast Development Council



Subject: Shutter creek correctional institution
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 6:01:03 PM

Makes me sad to see this institution on the chopping block. As a former inmate of Shutter Creek, I spent 30 months at shutter creek out of the 5 years I was incarcerated. The Staff at Shutter Creek are amazing. They honestly care about the men under their supervision. I was part of their fire program and worked closely with Oregon dept of Forestry. Shutter Creek correctional facility is all about serving the community and transitioning the men back to society prepared for success. Sad to see this happen to this institution. I do thank the staff and all the officers I had the pleasure to work with. I hope all the best for the staff. God bless you

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Shutter creek shut down Tuesday,
Date: July 21, 2020 4:57:10 AM

Good Morning,

I am writing on behalf of myself and family about the shutter creek shutdown. We are part of the community of Coos Bay North Bend and are concerned about the shut down. Shutter creek employs a good portion of this these towns in Coos county and we are concerned of the devastating effect it will have on the families that look to shutter creek as the means to living and the impact it will create on the community itself. Shutter creek also provides workforce to beautification of these communities and allows inmates to gain skills to be able to take with them when they get out. I have met several prisoners that have been released from there and they are learned from being there. We are asking you to re-evaluate your plans and instead of shutting down the prison revamp it's Infrastructure. Thank you in advance for reading our concerns.

Concerned citizen,
Jennifer Liggett

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Shutter Creek Testimony Monday,
Date: July 20, 2020 3:13:00 PM

My name is Colleen Keen. I have been a resident of Coos Bay for 13 years. My late husband and I retired to the Coos Bay area due to the strong economic and affordability of the area. Last week, another blow to the area is being decided in Salem, the closing of Shutter Creek Correctional Institution. My son-in-law is employed through the DOC at Shutter Creek, which provides a living salary for him to maintain his family of my daughter and granddaughter. The closing of SCCI would be devastating for this family as well as our community.

The employees at SCCI pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into Coos County through taxes, mortgages, utilities, groceries, small businesses, medical facilities and schools. This is not only monetarily, but also through volunteering and charity work. Without their contributions to our communities, we will most likely see a huge decline in services as well as employment due to the loss of these families leaving. With less dollars coming into the community, there will be less need for services resulting in many layoffs and closures of businesses. There will be less need for schools and hospitals as there will be less people.

There are approximately 85 to 90 employees at SCCI. All of which earn a living wage. There are no other employable positions in our area with this distinctive set of employable skills. This means that the majority of these employees will be leaving Coos County, taking with them our tax base. This will be devastating! Last year, when just one lumber company left and terminated just 40 people, small businesses saw a decline of approximately \$1000 per month. About 50% left the area, and the other 50% could no longer afford the small rewards from being unemployed.

The decision to close two facilities was deemed to rededicate the funding to schools. That idea will result in more funding going to another area besides Coos County because our families will have moved away to other states. Where will this extra money go? I daresay that Portland is the target area.

With these families moving away, our housing market will be hit with less than lower home values. Almost all employees own their homes and the market will be flooded with homes reducing the values of existing homes.

I am hoping that our legislature will see how this will affect our County. We cannot afford to lose any more infrastructure in our area. My family will have no choice but to leave in pursuit of employment outside of our area. This means not only losing their money, but a small business, as well as my taxes because I will leave with them.

Our businesses will suffer, our schools will suffer, our hospitals and medical facilities will suffer, our roads will suffer, and our community services will suffer. This is a long-term effect. Moreover, the state will lose that property forever! I urge you to take a second look at what this will do to our community that has

taken several hits over the past 8 years to our economy. We cannot afford to lose SCCI for the employees and services in which SCCI gives in return. It is too much to lose!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Shutter Creek
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:00:19 PM

Please don't close the prison. Coos County can't afford to lose my more jobs. We are already are economically depressed.
Reconsider!

Sent from my iPhone

To all that it concerns:

Hello,

My name is Aaron Hodge and I am an Officer at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution. I am writing to you so that you can see and understand that the closure of my institution has more ramifications than just relocating Adults in Custody and the employees that work there. A little about me, I am forty-five years old and I began my career with Oregon Department of Corrections in June 2013. I am married and have seven children, three adult children, one that graduated this year and getting ready to start college, one is a junior, another is a freshman, my youngest is a sixth grader and five grandchildren. I uprooted and moved my family from Sisters Oregon seven years ago. We bought a house, laid down roots and became active in our new community in Reedsport Oregon. I coach my kids sports in Soccer, Football, Basketball and Baseball. My wife also helps with all the sports being team Mom, keeping records and books for the teams, helping organize fund raisers for the teams and youth athletics. We are just one of about thirteen families that live in our small town that works at SCCI. Everyone of the other families are committed to the community and help in anything they can. If all these families have to move due to closure it will be detrimental to this small community and the ripples from this will be felt for years to come. I work at SCCI as a correctional officer, the lead key room control officer (for which I took courses to become a Certified Facility Locksmith). I am also one of the Work Crew Officers that take AICs out into the community to perform work that is important throughout Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lane counties.

The proposed closure of Shutter Creek and Warner Creek will be crippling to rural Oregon. It has the potential for turning Lakeview, OR into a ghost town.

Shutter Creek was established to create family wage jobs in rural communities which were hit hard by the loss of competitive wage jobs. The land that Shutter Creek resides on and is owned by the federal government and was leased for \$1.00 per year as long as it houses Adults in Custody (AICs) and maintains the property. If this institution closes it will be returned to the federal government after the Department of Corrections has recently spent millions in upgrades to this institution within the last six months. Shutter Creek has multiple contracts in Coos, Douglas, Curry and Lane Counties. It has been said that Shutter Creek has the highest number of contracts (between 40 and 45) than any other institution in Oregon. There will be millions of dollars lost not just in Coos but the other counties as well. This closure will cause an ongoing ripple effect in many counties. With Coos and Douglas to lose the most. The jobs that we do for the community allows us to train, teach, promote positive experiences and to show the AICs that they can do things other than criminal activities. I work with AICs that have never had a job and these work crews provide skills that they never knew they had or could have.

The institution employs approximately 94 staff. If the prison closes, we will lose some great community members and their families. Not only are department staff and families actively involved in their communities, serving on commissions, boards, participating in volunteering organizations, coaching kids' teams, and others giving their time to our community in many ways. I am writing this to ask for your support and most of all your voice in spreading the word to keep Shutter Creek open. Our rural community **CAN NOT** take another huge hit of job loss. It is not just the loss of the SCCI staff members

that will affect the community, but also the spouse's jobs, the kid's jobs, the loss to the schools. If you take the 94 staff members then double it for the spouses, that's 188 jobs at a minimum lost by this community. Then will everyone be able to find jobs in their new locations? They may not. Also, among our staff are those that on top of their full-time positions have to take care of their elderly family members, some have their own businesses that would be gone from this community.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) has 14 prisons with four of them being in Salem and two in the Portland area. I urge you to question why attack rural communities? Why not close one of the six that are in areas where there are opportunities to transfer without causing relocation of community members and their families. There are other institutions in Oregon, that are less structurally sound and in dire need of upgrading that the state already owns, and would not lose, unlike Shutter Creek property. It has been said that, the department pays a lot of money in fines each year to keep those facilities open. With 1 or 2 of those facilities in Salem being closed the employees and their families would not need to relocate 4 plus hours away as the institutions are closer and within acceptable driving distance away.

Some of the many programs and services that come out of Shutter Creek are:

Joys of Living Assistance Dogs Program (JLAD) – This is a program where adults in custody train dogs to become service animals for individuals who are desperately in need. There currently is a five year wait list just for our Veterans who are in need of these service animals. The closure will cause our Veterans who have fought for our country to wait even longer.

Wildland Fire and Camp Support Crews – This program is adults in custody who have been trained to provide wildland fire support. For some counties it is the largest local support they have to fight local fires. Many adults in custody have completed this program while incarcerated and successfully gained employment upon release. The local agency Coos Forest Protective Agency (CFPA) has trained the AICs, any after getting out they have hired AICs, along with some working in other agencies across the state and some even were hired Federally for wildland fire fighting.

Shutter Creek is also a regional re-entry facility for the counties of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Jackson and Josephine. Many of the adults in custody are nearing the end of their sentence and will be releasing to one of these six counties. With the potential closure this will cause an additional hardship on families. Many psychological and medical professionals along with state programs such as: Department of Corrections, and Child Welfare Programs believe in family reunification which is proven to lower future recidivism.

The City of Lakeside alone will lose \$216,000 in sewer fees per year from Shutter Creek. These fees assist in keeping their systems operational. The city is currently in the mist of upgrading their systems and count on this annual revenue from Shutter Creek.

Shutter Creek AICs have offsite work crews that have been hired by many city, county, educational districts, airport districts, state parks, ports, forestry, and many non-profit organizations that may not have the budgetary resources. These crews have also gave many hours of volunteer services to our communities such as: Shore Acres Holiday Lights (annually), Lakeside Cemetery, David Dewitt Veterans

Memorial, Vietnam Traveling Tribute at Sturdivant Park, Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon, and Relay for Life just to name a few.

There are millions of dollars in contracted services Shutter Creek provides to our local businesses. As I shared above this will be a rippling effect in our community.

Shutter Creek staff and AICs have done internal fundraising opportunities with funds going to our local children in foster care (Operation Backpack). This internal fundraiser was initiated by AICs after watching the local news story of a theft that took place from the storage unit that contained the supplies for Operation Backpack. Operation Backpack supplies children with basic items needed when they are quickly removed from their homes and placed in the foster care system.

As you can see there is so much that is done behind the scenes in our local prisons. Shutter Creek has continued to stimulate our economy since it was opened in 1990. The loss of this institution will take decades if not a lifetime to recover from the financial loss it generates to many counties not just Coos alone.

I want to Thank you for taking the time to read my letter as I hope it sheds light on this very serious situation.

Respectfully,

Aaron Hodge

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Subject: Subject: Proposed Closure of Shutter Creek Correctional Institution.
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:33:26 PM

I have recently learned that SCCI is probably going to be closed. Closing SCCI will have a tremendous negative impact to the community, and you may receive letters, e-mails and testimony to that effect. But what about the men in custody?

I worked in Medical for 12 years so I know first hand of which I speak: SCCI is unique in that it's small enough to get to know the men in custody as PEOPLE, not just prisoners. Many times I was told how the medical care was far superior to any other prison in Oregon. We started at intake to offer a high quality of health care, maybe even better than what anyone in a community would get. As people age, our bodies often need help from a professional medical care provider in the form of medication, treatments, even surgery. Add to that a lifestyle not always conducive to healthy living and you often get people aging before their time. THAT is what The Medical Services comprised of 6 registered nurses and one support person deal with daily. Those with chronic conditions have routinely scheduled appointments with a physician, and their condition is monitored regularly. Besides medical care, vision, dental and emergency services are available.

The officers and councillors are just as dedicated in supporting the men through behavior modeling in the dorms, classrooms and work assignments. Their combined efforts, day in and day out, show positive ways of behavior that assist the men in turning their lives around and becoming productive citizens once paroled.

For many years SCCI housed the SUMMIT program, a bootcamp-styled, 6 month program that held them accountable to themselves, the staff, and each other, teaching them POSITIVE ways to solve problems without reverting back to criminal behavior. The program was moved several years ago because there were no mental health counselors at the facility. I

It is still the only prison in the state that teaches fire/wildfire fighting! Working closely with the community, those men learn a profession that will serve them once paroled. They take pride in their abilities and take it with them when they leave.

There is also a program training dogs as service animals. The men are paired with the dogs, 24/7, and together they learn what is needed for both to be successful once they leave. This program alone is valuable because it helps shorten the time a person (often a veteran) has to wait for a service animal!

In order to participate in any of these programs, the men must learn and maintain correct methods of coping and dealing with life, in a prosocial manner. For many of these men it's for the first time in their lives and there can be a real struggle but once they "get it" you can actually see the change!

The property that houses this prison is not owned by Oregon, it was once an Air Force base and is now leased to the state for \$1/year. Over the years millions of dollars have been spent on the infrastructure, greatly improving the land's value. Once vacated, the property, along with its improvements, will return to the Federal Government.

If the prison population is such that prisons are being closed, wouldn't it make better sense to close a prison that Oregon owns? In the event the population rises again and beds are needed it would be much simpler and easier to reopen a prison owned by Oregon? It may be the Federal Government would be willing to again lease the land but it would probably be at an inflated cost!

Rather than closing SCCI and losing the uniqueness available, I suggest you

- 1-retain the programs currently available;
- 2-create or move a full time mental/behavioral health position to SCCI and
- 3-consider returning SUMMIT to SCCI, where it was born and developed.

Please consider keeping Shutter Creek as a unique and valuable part of the DOC.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Linda Manous, RN (Ret.)

Subject: Testifying for Shutters Creek 7-24-20
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:48:54 PM

Hi, I am not requesting to testify yet, I have written a letter I am completing and will send in. However I wanted to find out how the testifying works. I understand there are only 5 spots. I don't want to take a spot from someone with more information than I have but I also don't want there to be spots unfilled and for our men and woman that work at Shutters to be under-represented. Please let me know if the shots are filled or if I can be an alternate? or how that works.

Thank you for your time,

Angie Baarstad

July 23, 2020

Oregon State Legislature
Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 140A
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Manning, Representative Sollman and Distinguished Committee Members:

My name is Patricia Michaelson. I am writing today to provide testimony regarding the proposed closure of Shutter Creek Correctional Institution in North Bend. My story is but one of many that illustrates how this closure will devastate the lives of many families and the financial well-being of our community.

I am 61 years old and have worked for the Department of Corrections, at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution, for the past 21.5 years. I began my career at SCCI as a Correctional Officer and am currently attached to the Release Services Unit as a Release Counselor. My husband has been disabled for the past 10 years. Our 14-year-old grandson is autistic and currently resides with my husband and I. He has been having behavioral issues that necessitate his removal from his home to ensure the safety of his 4 siblings.

I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis over 10 years ago. Between myself and my husband, we have a significant amount of medical expenses. As a result, I will not be able to retire until I am eligible for Medicare in 3.5 years. If you choose to close SCCI, I will be forced to spend those years living in the Salem/Portland area during the work week and returning home on the weekends. With our medical expenses, I do not know where I will come up with the money to make this happen. Yet I will have no other choice but to make it work somehow.

My biggest concern is the situation with my grandson. I cannot bring him with me and I'm afraid my husband will be unable to provide his needed assistance with therapy sessions and just the daily needs of dealing with a teenager with special needs. This will impact my daughter and her ability to keep his siblings safe from his outbursts. I fear he will end up in some type of detention facility and possibly even in the criminal justice system. That fear is real and all consuming.

That is just my personal selfish reasons as to why it's important to me for SCCI to remain open. In the bigger picture, each employee has their own story. Not to mention the fact that our community has seen devastating job losses over the years; most recently the closure of the Georgia Pacific mill, which cut another 100+ jobs from Coos County. There are very few family wage jobs left in our community. The loss of jobs at SCCI will truly be another hit our county may not be able to withstand.

While I can understand the devastating budget crisis we are in, I do not believe that the only remedy is to close SCCI. There are several institutions in the Salem area that have been on the list for closure over the years. A closure in Salem would not have the impact that the closure in North Bend will. Those whose jobs are eliminated would not have to uproot their families and move them in order to continue to work for the department.

I am not sure if you are aware, but ODOC has spent a **significant** amount of money in the past several years upgrading the infrastructure at SCCI. The electrical has been upgraded and we've upgraded to fiber optic cable. Cable drops for televisions were placed in the largest dorm compound which cost in excess of \$25,000.00. Two new membrane rooves were installed which I understand cost in excess of \$50,000.00. Our water lines were all upgraded in order to provide water pressure for fire suppression, which was a very large and expensive upgrade. The generators were upgraded as well. This is not an all-inclusive list of the recent projects that have been completed. It is astonishing to me that ODOC would spend the hard-earned money of OR citizens then close the facility and return it back to the Federal Government, which I understand will happen if the institution is closed for even a day.

We know, through extensive research, that Adults in Custody (AIC's) are far more likely to be successful if they have contact with their family and support network during their incarceration. SCCI allows for many local families to visit with their loved ones while they are incarcerated. Asking families to travel all the way to the valley for visitation not only places a financial burden on them, it also makes it less likely they will be able to maintain the extremely important in-person contact.

Our community has learned to genuinely rely on and appreciate the work the SCCI crews have been able to supply over the years. We have 2 forestry crews that maintain the Elliott National Forest. As a result, it's one of the healthiest forests in the state. Without our crews, that work would cease. The Port of Bandon has largely been maintained and built by our AIC's. We also supply additional manpower to the Hauser Fire Department. In turn, they supply the instruction to our fire fighters, allowing them to earn their Fire Fighter I and II certifications, as we maintain our own fire department at SCCI. We also supply fire fighters and camp support for the fire season. We are able to quickly deploy our wildland firefighters to suppress forest fires across the state. Here locally, our AIC's have been involved in fighting fires that could have grown to monumental proportions if not for their quick response time and hard work.

The South Coast Hospice relies on our AIC's to sort, clean and prepare their donations for sale. We have a crew that works with the Parks Department that keeps our parks, campgrounds and botanical gardens maintained. Beyond that, they assist every year in stringing the over 300,000 lights and display pieces at Shore Acres for the annual Christmas celebration, which runs from Thanksgiving until the end of December. The park is visited by thousands of people each year that come from far and wide. Our AIC's assisted with erecting the traveling Veteran's Memorial wall. For years our AIC's have assisted in setting up, tearing down and cleaning up each year for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event. I could go on and on about the contributions our AIC's make to this community, which will be lost in many cases irreplaceable by the closure of SCCI.

I beseech you to consider the personal and public impact your decision will have. Please, for the sake of my co-workers, our community and myself, work to find ways to balance the budget that does not include the closure of Shutter Creek Correctional Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Michaelson

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Subject: POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF SHUTTER CREEK
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 9:12:24 PM

Hi,

My name is Joshua DeDiego, a two year employee of the Department and a proud and serving Correctional Officer at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution. I implore that our Administration extends the closure deadline in hopes to give our Federal and State Governments more time before this pending closure. I feel that the economic downfall our State is suffering due to COVID-19 should be, by all means, only temporary. However, the closure of Shutter Creek is not temporary based off of what top union officials are saying. Please do not make a permanent cut to our beautiful Institution that in all ways PROMOTES The Oregon Way and that's breath taking scenery alone has a calming and healing effect on both Adults in Custody and Staff.

I am a father to a 9 month old baby, Jeriah Donald DeDiego and a step father to my 5 year old daughter Gracelynn Johnston. Coos Bay/North Bend is our home as it is to all of my fellow staff members and their families. With the long lasting state of the economy in our two Counties it would be impossible to find a new career that provides what the Department of Corrections does to my family which we are extremely grateful for. By the 17th of every month, my bank account is at nearly zero. Raising and supporting a family in the beautiful State of Oregon is certainly not cheap and even with what The Department is able to pay, we still at times find ourselves scraping by for a period of each month. Of course if the institution shuts down, mine and the families of most of my fellow co-workers will be forced to move in either an effort to support their family or as an effort to work through to their retirement date or both.

During these uncertain times, Shutter Creek was one of the first institutions hit by the Coronavirus and dealt with a unit wide spread. Many Officers braved the contaminated unit and risked subjecting their families and loved ones to serve this Department. It would be a heartbreaking experience to realize that even after our sacrifice that could have effected our children and loved ones that this Department would leave the fate of an institution and team that we have all known to respect and support to a vote that resulted in its closure.

If the Administration of this Department still holds any power as to the fate of the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution I plea that it in all means necessary finds another way to contribute to the budget shortfall that won't so deeply effect the lives and families of this small community of Correctional Professionals. Please do not shut down our institution even after its highly successful containment of the outbreak it suffered.

For any and all considerations I am truly grateful,

J. Dediego
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Shutter Creek Correctional Institution
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July 26, 2020

Oregon State Legislature
Oregon Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court St. NE
Salem OR. 97301

RE: Proposed Closure of Shutter Creek Correctional Institute (SCCI)

Dear Sirs and Madams:

My name is Valarie Siewell and I am a Lieutenant at SCCI. The purpose of this letter is to implore you to reconsider the closure of our Institution. First and foremost, please know I mean no disrespect—there is more at stake than saving money, which I firmly believe could be saved elsewhere if we delve deeper into our line items.

On the business side of this, is we are closing because we are viewed as “disposable”. However we will not be able to reopen this location, and when the time comes, and COVID-19 is behind us, we will not have the beds to house the offenders that will undoubtedly flood the system.

On the personal side, we are a family here, not random numbers to be cut as a knee jerk reaction to orders that we *must* make cuts. The bigger picture here is the devastating economic impact to our small community this will have. We have suffered so much here and are already depressed from cuts in our timber and fishing industries. The loss of nearly 100 jobs, plus the loss of services we provide in our communities, is an economic blow our small community will have a hard time recovering from.

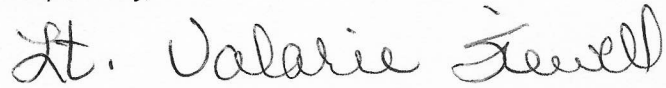
I don't believe this saves the State money. It's a domino effect that begins with employees forced to relocate their families at a cost not easily covered by many. Families will be torn apart and the loss of jobs will force many of us to unemployment. The State loses those payroll taxes, and at the end of six months, when we can no longer obtain unemployment benefits, then comes State assistance. In the long run, how much are we saving? Please weigh out the short-term savings and the long-term costs. We do not want to be statistics that end up homeless or worse (Correctional employees have one of the highest suicide rates of any profession).

I don't think we are faces to anyone outside our area—we have an Officer who is a foster parent to over 10 children at all times. He is a saving grace to Coos and Douglas counties who depend on him to provide shelter for children in their house in their darkest hours. We have Lieutenants, Sergeants, Officers, nurses and administrative staff whose spouses hold integral positions in the communities and can't relocate to continue their employment. The employees and their families live here for a quality of life the can't be replicated anywhere else in the State. The Department of Corrections has provided jobs in this community since 1990 and as depressed as we are, this will be a final economic blow.

I know this is repetitious, but please know these are not selfish reasons to keep our facility open. SCCI is productive and maintains a bottom line in the black. We have employees who live in Coos, Douglas and Lane counties who look forward to coming to work and embrace the Oregon Way in the hopes of changing lives and making our Adults in Custody productive citizens in our communities.

I thank you for your time and hope we will see your visiting our location in the near future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lt. Valarie Siewell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lt. Valarie Siewell

cc: Ms. Colette Peters
Ms. Heidi Steward
Senator Arnie Roblan

Subject: Shutters Creek Closure
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:29:10 PM

To all those whom it concerns,

Our family has spent many years in financial struggle before finally finding what should be a long term career in the DOC. This position not only supports our family but also supplies much needed quality health insurance. These are both hard to come by in our rural area. Shutters Creek has been a huge blessing to our family specifically, but the reach of Shutters Creek's benefits do not stop with just our family. Our community has so few family wage jobs.

The news about Shutters Creek possible closing due to budget short falls is devastating not only to the families that rely on it for employment but to the AICs who are able to be in closer proximity to their family ties and support systems. The AICs in Shutters Creek benefit from being in a smaller institute with close community ties. Shutters Creek has a lower than average recidivism rate. I believe in large part to how closely the AICs work with the community and their ability to learn employable skills through the programs available at Shutters Creek. It is also my understanding that nearly one million dollars was spent on the facility at Shutters Creek. It seems to me an excessive waste to spend this money on a facility to close it only a few months later. This alone is a gross miss allocation of tax dollars if in fact Shutters Creek were to close. If closing a facility is in fact the only way to balance the budget it seems to me that looking at a similarly sized facility closer to Salem and Portland would make more sense. Closure of a facility in close proximity to other similar security level facilities would allow for the moving of AICs and Officers without the upheaval that would be caused by relocation.

I feel that a concerted effort needs to be made to try to find a better solution to the budget problem and to look at not only the families like my own but at the bigger picture of the impact that this will certainly have on our entire community. I have spoken with many other staff and spouses of Shutters Creek, people are at a loss of what will come of us. Our community is so far away from the nearest prison that it would be nearly impossible to continue to live here and take a position elsewhere even if offered a transfer. That is assuming there are jobs within the DOC to be had. This will force many to leave their homes and communities or separate their families. Many, like us, care for extended family. We in addition have to take into account supervised visitations that our children have with their non-custodial parent. I understand the need to come up with cuts for the budget, but the closing of Shutters Creek would be little gain at a significant loss. With all respect my family, and community ask you to reconsider.

Dawn Melton

Date:

Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:33:08 PM

Attachments:

Co-chairs Manning, Sollman and members of the committee,

My name is Boomer Wright, candidate for the Oregon House District 9. I am submitting this testimony on behalf of 551 local citizens who signed an online poll opposing the closure of Shutter Creek correctional facility. Attached to this email is an excel spreadsheet of the names of these individuals.

Thank you for your time,

Boomer Wright

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| Lori | Olson | Dunes City |
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| Sharon | West-Craig | North Bend |
| Nonda | Rider | Coos Bay |
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| Karl | Jennings | Florence |
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| Sherry | Windham | North Bend |
| Susan | Scott | Florence |
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| LaDonna | Parent | Reedsport |
| Nathan | Smith | North Bend |
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| Jami | Loper | North Bend |
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| Stephanie | Teeter | Coos bay |
| Phaline | Mays | Pendleton |
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| Kacy | Lentz | Portland |
| Daniel | Wilmarth | Reedsport |
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| Joyce | Plagmann | Reedsport |
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| Laurie | Wilson | Coquille Oregon |
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