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Chair Jennifer Williamson
Vice-Chair Chris Gorsek
Vice-Chair Sherrie Sprenger
House Judiciary Committee
Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

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RE: Support for Justice Reinvestment Accountability and Equity Act (HB 3064)

Dear Chair Williamson, Vice-Chairs Gorsek and Sprenger, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in my personal capacity. Based on my experience as a trial court judge, Clackamas County Commissioner, anti-poverty attorney, and nonprofit worker serving victims and struggling families, I support for the goals of HB 3064.

HB 3064 would focus Justice Reinvestment Initiative funding on programs that protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, and enable justice-involved people to rebuild their lives. It could support well-supervised pre-trial release programs. It could help offenders obtain addiction treatment, hold jobs so they can pay restitution and provide for their families, and complete sanctions in the community when that is appropriate. HB 3064 could enable rural residents and people of color to have equitable access to programs like these. It would also support services to assist crime victims. These are all important goals.

Clackamas County already offers some programs that align with the goals of HB 3064 including pre-trial release, diversion, and reentry support to prevent recidivism. HB 3064 would incentivize further innovation, and that could be helpful.

HB 3064 would also build from prior joint efforts with OJD to examine sentencing practices, promote evidence-based and culturally appropriate services, and ensure effective use of resources. Supporting innovation and effectiveness across disciplines makes sense.

It will be crucial for those allocating Justice Reinvestment Initiative funding to take into account the unique circumstances of each county. Provided that happens, I think HB 3064 could be a helpful step for our communities. I look forward to working with you to implement this legislation. Thank you.

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