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Chair Anna Williams  
Vice-Chair Gary Leif  
Vice-Chair Ricki Ruiz  
House Committee on Human Resources  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for House Bill 3366

Dear Chair Williams, Vice-Chairs Leif and Ruiz, and Members of the Committee:

I am the District Attorney of Clackamas County, and I am writing to convey my strong support of House Bill 3366. It should always be our goal that a person who has a touch with “the system” walks away better for it. Family Treatment Courts provide wrap-around care for parents on the road to recovery and children at risk due to substance abuse and addiction at home.

The need for a Family Treatment Court in Clackamas County is critical. Oregon now ranks third in the nation in untreated addiction, and ranks 47<sup>th</sup> in access to treatment. With the passage of Measure 110, an overwhelming number of people who once had access to affordable treatment through the criminal justice system no longer do. Now, there is an acute need for unique and appropriately tailored responses to those parents who, due to addiction, risk having their parental rights terminated.

In Family Treatment Court, a parent’s treatment providers work together to holistically treat the challenges their families are facing through weekly case management meetings with all stakeholders present. Just as importantly, parents will have their services tailored to their individual needs and family circumstances.

This is a model I believe in, and I urge you to support House Bill 3366. I thank you for your consideration and welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JDW", is written over a horizontal line.

John D. Wentworth  
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