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Oregon House Ways and Means Committee
Roseburg Hearing, UCC Jacoby Auditorium
Friday April 21, 2023

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of funding Oregon's CASA program in the 2023/24 budget cycle. CASA is seeking \$6.4 million dollars to fund the next 24 months of court appointed advocacy for some of the most-at-risk children in the state.

As an active CASA advocate for the past 7 years, I have seen firsthand the positive impact we have on the lives of foster children by being a voice for their needs and interests in court. We provide the courts with a wholistic picture of each child's case and advocate exclusively for their best interests.

Every child deserves a safe, nurturing, permanent home in which to thrive. CASAs work tirelessly to help achieve that home in a timely manner. Please provide the funding for this essential work. Oregon's vulnerable children are counting on you.

Sincerely,

Kathe Linden
CASA Volunteer

I am for the child™

Our mission is to provide children who have been abused or neglected and are now in foster care, with qualified, compassionate advocates who will fight for and protect children's fundamental right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the safe embrace of a loving family.