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RE: Letter of Commitment

To Whom it May Concern:

Attached is the requested Letter of Commitment demonstrating support for implementation of county-based and grant-funded pre-booking diversion programs to address the newly-created PCS-U crime.

Pre-booking diversion programs that are tailored for the needs of individual communities, such as Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, promote community safety and ensure more people engage in more treatment more quickly.

Included on the attached letter is my signature along with other Washington County public safety leaders. The short timeline made collecting signatures challenging. The absence of a signature should not be interpreted as a lack of support. I believe a pre-booking diversion program that is evidence-based and fully funded by the state will enjoy broad support in Washington County.

Thank you,

Kevin Barton
District Attorney for Washington County

LETTER OF COMMITMENT

STATEMENT OF VALUES:

We the undersigned County, City, Law Enforcement and Behavior Health Partners believe in, and are committed to creating community-based, pre-arraignment pathways for treatment and recovery support services to help individuals whose substance-use disorder and behavioral health conditions lead to interactions with law enforcement and engagement with the criminal justice system.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT:

We will work with local partners, including but not limited to, behavioral health resource networks, community mental health providers, community-based organizations, peer support organizations, law enforcement agencies, district attorneys, courts and local county and city governments to develop County and/or City specific service plans/programs. Our efforts will focus on evidence-based solutions, like mobile crisis teams or LEADS-like programs.

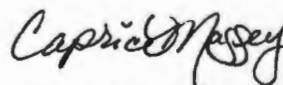
We will apply for funding, if needed, to the 'Improving People's Access to Community-based Treatment, Supports and Services' (IMPACTS) Grant Review Committee. We also agree to participate in the IMPACTS data collection and review process. If barriers other than funding prevent programs from being stood up, we will work in partnership with the legislature and the IMPACTS Grant Review Committee to identify solutions by September 1, 2024.

As soon as funding is received, we will work to immediately stand-up programs in our communities. Once developed, funded, and stood up, our law enforcement partners commit to divert individuals are facing a PCS-U charge based off objective evidence-based national standards. Additionally, our District Attorney will divert all successful participants away from the criminal justice system and not pursue the PCS-U charge.

The following signatures were collected to demonstrate support. Please note that the short timeline made obtaining signatures challenging. The absence of a signature should not be interpreted as a lack of support.



Kevin Barton
Washington County District Attorney



Sheriff Caprice Massey
Washington County Sheriff



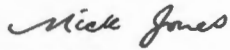
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Beaverton Police Department



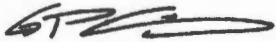
Chief James M. Coley
Cornelius Police Department



Chief Henry Reimann
Forest Grove Police Department



Chief Nick Jones
North Plains Police Department



Chief Greg Pickering
Tualatin Police Department



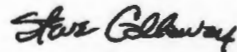
Mayor Lacey Beaty
City of Beaverton



Chief Ernest Happala
King City Police Department



Chief Ty Hanlon
Sherwood Police Department



Mayor Steve Callaway
City of Hillsboro