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TO: Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response
FROM: Washington County
DATE: February 7, 2025
RE: Support HB 3009

Co-Chair Prozanski, Co-Chair Kropf, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Lonny Keller, and I am the manager of Washington County's Community Corrections Center (CCC). I am here today to testify in support of HB 3009.

The CCC is a 215-bed transition facility that assists Justice Involved Individuals (JII) both serving sentences, and out of custody to successfully transition back into the community. It offers a secure, structured living environment where staff focus on holding individuals accountable while connecting them to opportunities for employment, treatment, and skill building to address the underlying risk factors for relapse and recidivism.

One of the central challenges we face with the adults we serve is opioid addiction. Heroin, fentanyl, and prescription painkillers have had an increasingly negative impact on the health, safety and motivation of our client population. We have had many cases of individuals who are struggling with relapse prevention, or who need additional treatment as they prepare to transition out of our custodial setting. There are also cases where people are unable to transition from our jail to the CCC prior to release due to a lack of MAT access at the CCC.

HB 3009 would provide us with an opportunity to use funds from the newly created JMOUD program to provide opioid treatment in the CCC, helping to prepare individuals who struggle with addiction to transition into community-based treatment. This bill gives us access to a critical tool for treating the addiction that often leads to incarceration in for JIIs. In that way, this is an invaluable opportunity for us to reduce recidivism and help them create a better life for themselves, their loved ones, and their communities.

Thank you very much for your time today. I would be happy to answer any questions.

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