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Ken Sanchagrin, Executive Director
Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC)
885 Summer St. NE
Salem, OR 97221

Re: 2021 Formula and Supplemental JRI Application Submission

Dear Criminal Justice Commissioners:

The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners joins our Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) in supporting the 2021-2023 Yamhill County Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) Phase II Formula and Supplemental Grant Application to continue funding our local Pretrial Justice and Prison Diversion Programs Both programs have been instrumental in the last four-biennium in saving millions of dollars in state funding on state incarceration by limiting our local prison bed usage.

We are proud of the efforts of the Yamhill County District Attorney's Office and Yamhill County Department of Community Justice to examine carefully and closely each and every individual case for potential prison alternatives. The efforts of both departments have been successful in meeting the JRI goals of the legislature in reducing prison population, reducing recidivism, increasing offender accountability, all while enhancing public safety. We are in in strong support of these efforts and committed to the JRI goals that they aim to achieve and have been historically producing.

Thank you in advance for reviewing this important application.

Respectfully,

Mary Starrett
Chair

Lindsay Berschauer
Vice-Chair

Casey Kulla
Commissioner

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