

JOSEPHINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Dave Daniel

Dear Representative Jeff Barker, Chair, House Judiciary Committee

I write this Letter of Support for HB2605 (New Judgeship for Josephine County). I began my law enforcement career in Josephine County over 22 years ago. During that time I have personally witnessed the bottleneck of cases delayed by the lack of a proper number of Judgeships in Josephine County. As you may know, our county is in a fiscal crisis with the reduction of federal SRS monies. This could result in the reduction of inmates I am able to hold in custody which could further confuse the judicial process. Nevermore than now can I stress the importance of timely trials which is restricted by the lack of an appropriate number of Judges in Josephine County. Thank you for your attention to this issue and I wish you well throughout this process.

Respectfully,

Dave Daniel

Josephine County Sheriff

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