

Administrative Office

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Looking Glass Programs

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Dear Co-Chair Senator Winters and Co-Chair Representative Piluso and Committee Members:

I am Craig Opperman, President/CEO of Looking Glass Community Services. Looking Glass contracts with OYA for community residential treatment and transition services.

OYA is nationally recognized for innovative programs with positive, proven outcomes. They focus on all aspects of Positive Human Development for adjudicated youth in their care. This holds youth accountable and guides them to responsible, productive adulthood. It effectively moves them away from a future with the adult correction system. This not only saves lives, but saves money. This work by OYA also reduces the overrepresentation of communities of color in our justice system.

OYA partners closely with Looking Glass and other community providers to change and positively improve the trajectory of Oregon's adjudicated youth.

Please fully fund OYA's budget. Resources invested in OYA saves lives and money.

Sincerely

Craig Opperman President/CEO Looking Glass Community Services





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