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Dear Senator Winters and Representative Piluso,

Thank you for considering my request to fully fund the Oregon Judicial Department Budget (SB5513).

Many people understand the role of the court in the criminal justice system, but I want to share how it impacts my organization and our larger community. Klamath Basin Behavioral Health (KBBH) is the CMHP and LMHA for Klamath County. We work closely with our judicial system, law enforcement, and corrections departments. We have staff housed at the Corrections Department and in the Klamath County Jail providing instant treatment availability to those clients. The on-site services we provide include psychiatry, medical management, and therapy services for behavioral health and substance use disorders. In addition, we operate the Behavioral Intervention Court and have experienced firsthand the positive outcomes resulting from this court.

Our Mobile Crisis Team is available 24/7 for law enforcement, first-responders, and others in the community to contact for immediate response to any type of crisis. Development of these collaborative services with the judicial system have resulted in an increase in local services accessed for high needs populations, both diverting them out of the corrections systems and keeping them out of higher level services like the Oregon State Hospital. Restoring these individuals locally is a cost savings to the state and improves the quality of life for the individual who remains within their social support system. We place a very high value on these partnerships and they have resulted in huge wins for our community. A cut to these systems would impact our community tremendously and place a strain on not only the jail, but also the local Emergency Center, as well as out of county/state services.

Please vote yes on SB 5513 to help our rural community and the vulnerable populations we are working together to serve. If you would like more information regarding our programs and our collaboration with the judicial systems in Klamath County, please give me a call.

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