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The Honorable Janelle Bynum, Chair
The Honorable Ron Noble, Vice Chair
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House Committee on Judiciary

RE: House Bill 2912 (Re*Membering Program Pilot Reauthorization)

Dear Chair Bynum and Members of the Committee:

I am writing this letter to provide testimony regarding House Bill 2912, which would reauthorize funding for a pilot of the Re*Membering project, a program provided by the Oregon Justice Resource Center (OJRC) to female adults in custody in the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. In 2019, the Legislature tasked the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) with administering and overseeing this grant. House Bill 2912, which is currently under consideration, would continue this grantor-grantee relationship between the CJC and OJRC.

While I am taking no position on HB 2912, I would like the members of the House Judiciary Committee to know that the OJRC has been a good partner with the CJC during the current biennium. The CJC works with numerous grantees from across the state which requires a great deal of interaction with grantees on issues that often fall outside of the delivery of their services. This takes several forms, including working through contracting issues, compiling data and reports on services rendered, and financial reporting. Over the current biennium, the OJRC has met its grant requirements and has been responsive to the CJC's need as a grantor, filing its reports and providing additional information when requested.

If the Legislature elects to pass HB 2912 and to reauthorize the Re*Membering project pilot, the CJC will be happy to administer this grant during the 2021-2023 biennium. In addition, the CJC will be happy to work with the OJRC and to continue the partnership we have established with them during the past few years.

If you require any additional information, or have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Sanchagrin

