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May 6, 2021

Oregon State Legislature  
Education Subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-chairs Frederick and McLain and committee members,

I write to request that you please fully fund Dispute Resolution in the State Programs at Universities section of the budget which funds community dispute resolution services across the state through the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution (OOCDR).

I would like to take this opportunity to express how much we appreciate the services of Beaverton's Center for Mediation and Dialogue. Since 1988, this program has helped residents of the Beaverton area resolve disputes through mediation. The Beaverton Police relies on dispute resolution as a valuable resource, especially when dealing with civil matters. In a number of cases every year, the Center for Mediation and Dialogue helps resolve disputes before they reach uncontrollable proportions.

The individuals who work in the program are dedicated to the program and are committed to expanding and enhancing the program. The staff does a very good job training volunteer mediators and providing other citizens with conflict resolution skills.

We will continue to refer citizens to the Center for Mediation and Dialogue and have made an effort to encourage officers to utilize this resource for a variety of needs. It is my belief that as we continue to pursue our community-oriented policing and problem-solving goals, the Center for Mediation and Dialogue will continue to be a valuable resource, especially in the area of strategic problem solving between neighbors.

I hope you will continue to award the Beaverton program an Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution grant to enable them to maintain their valuable services to the community.

Sincerely,

Ronda Groshong  
Chief of Police  
Beaverton, Oregon



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May 10, 2021

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Dear Co-chairs Frederick and McLain and committee members,

The above letter of support highlights one of the fifteen community dispute resolution centers that receive grant funds through the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution. OOCDR uploaded the letter to OLIS on their behalf.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Sponsler".

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