

I write this letter on behalf of Lincoln Community Dispute Resolution (LCDR) in support of SB 586. Lincoln County has had restorative justice diversion programs for youth since 1995. These have been highly successful and sometimes transformative for all participants – youth, parents/guardians, victims, the community, and volunteers. At the core of restorative practices is confidentiality and creating an atmosphere where everyone feels safe to share feelings and circumstances without fear of harmful rumors in the community, retaliation, or fear of personal involvement in the court system.

We believe that codifying confidentiality for restorative justice is imperative and that you pass SB 586.