

Dear Chair Steiner, Chair Sanchez, and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Amber Mahoney and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am a public defender at Metropolitan Public Defender. I am writing to express my support for continued funding of the Criminal Justice Commission's Restorative Justice Grant Program (RJGP).

I care about Oregon continuing to fund the Restorative Justice Grant Program because Oregon needs more approaches to harm that do not involve incarceration or conviction.

As a resident of Portland, it is important to me that the two programs that are currently funded by the RJGP in my city continue to receive funding and be able to provide services to people who have been harmed.

In conclusion, I believe that it is very important for Oregon to continue funding alternatives to prosecution and incarceration like restorative justice.

Sincerely,
Amber Mahoney