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On Behalf Of: Gilliam County
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB1576

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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to urge your support of the -4 amendment to SB 1576.

The amendment provides County Courts in Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Sherman and Wheeler County with a choice over whether to keep or transfer their probate jurisdiction to the Circuit Courts. By doing so, it also provides these counties and their citizens the ability to shape their local governments to meet the unique and changing needs of their communities; an authority the other 30 counties in Oregon have enjoyed since 1973.

As a long-time residents of Gilliam County, my husband and I believe my local elected officials and community members should have the ability to make decisions about our judicial system and local government structure. The -4 amendment ensures we do.

Please support the -4 amendment to SB 1576.

Sincerely,

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