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On Behalf Of:

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I have been a volunteer with CASA of Clackamas County for almost 4 years. CASA helps children who have experienced abuse or neglect by supporting and advocating for these vulnerable children. All of the children I have worked with have had needs such as special education services or therapy that I helped advocate for. I have also recommended with success extended time or a slower transition home to allow parents to continue to receive support and services such as improving parenting skills so that they will hopefully be more successful when their children are returned to their care.

CASA programs are part of the larger system designed to protect children, and my CASA work compliments the other entities who also rely on VOCA funding like Oregon Child Advocacy Centers or the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

I strongly recommend and support the amendment that includes CASA programs and pass the bill out of committee.