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On Behalf Of: Yamhill County CASA Volunteer
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3196

Dear Committee Members -

I wanted to write and encourage and implore you to pass HB 3196. As a CASA, I have already experienced the affect that this program has in children's lives.

CASAs provide invaluable services to children in abusive situations. While other agencies do what they can, CASAs are specifically there to speak on the children's behalf, something that no other agency can do. We spend time with these children, interacting with them on a personal level, not as a lawyer or another authority figure, but as a friendly face that they can talk to, knowing that we will report back to the courts, and that we are keeping their best interest at heart.

Without these funds, the very necessary work that we do for these kids will be negatively impacted, and we may lose more children to the system, as system that is already strained.

Thank you in advance for your time and you consideration.

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