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House Committee on Judiciary  
Oregon State Legislature

Dear Chair, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Karri Mirande, I am the Executive Director of CASA for Children of Klamath County and have been in this position since 2014.

I have seen first hand the positive impact CASA programs have made on children in not only Klamath County, but across the state of Oregon.

I became involved with CASA after having raised my three children and I was so moved by the mission of CASA programs to be the voice of those children who might not otherwise have one.

Over the years I have bore witness to an overcrowding of a system that frankly at times is struggling to do their best by the children in their care, and this is where CASA advocates can make up the difference and collaborate with DHS for the maximum benefit for the child.

Without the VOCA funding the ability to recruit , train and support these much needed advocates is much more difficult.

I urge you to adopt the -1 amendment to HB 3196, ensuring CASA programs remain included, and to pass the bill out of committee. Our state's most vulnerable children need us to take action.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this issue,  
Karri Mirande  
Executive Director  
CASA for Children of Klamath County