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On Behalf Of:

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The mission of CASA of Jackson and Josephine Counties is to provide specially trained community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the pursuit of safe and permanent homes.

Every day we encounter more children who are unsafe due to abuse and neglect. All children should have the opportunity to grow and flourish in safe and caring permanent homes. I became a CASA because I feel a responsibility to help these children. Continuing VOCA funding will give us the opportunity to assist the many vulnerable children who are still waiting for care.

CASA programs are part of the larger system designed to protect children. Our program 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 am asking that you adopt the amendment that includes CASA programs and pass the bill out of committee.

Thank you for your time and attention.