



Dear Co-Chairs Broadman and Evans, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Becci Crane, and I am a Board member at Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center, a nonprofit community mediation and restorative justice center serving Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties.

I am writing to urge the subcommittee to pass the Criminal Justice Commission budget with sufficient funding for the Restorative Justice Grant Program. Without this critical funding, much of Oregon's vital and effective restorative justice work could be lost or stalled.

At Six Rivers, we are using funds from this program to launch Circles of Peace, a restorative justice initiative tailored to our rural communities. Now in its pilot year, this program was developed based on a comprehensive community readiness assessment, which demonstrated strong public support for restorative justice as an option for victims and survivors of crime. You can learn more about the program at <https://6rivers.org/circles-of-peace/>.

As a Board member, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact of restorative justice on both survivors and those responsible for harm. Within the last few months, we have received input from participants who have recounted how they used specific skills in other conflict situations and were able to diffuse conflict before it started from the tools learned in the Circles of Peace program.

Continued funding will enable Six Rivers and other community-based programs across Oregon to sustain and expand this essential work—reducing crime, fostering accountability, and promoting healing for survivors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Becci Crane

Board Chair