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LETTER OF COMMITMENT

STATEMENT OF VALUES:

We the undersigned County, City, Law Enforcement and Behavior Health Partners believe in, and are committed to creating community-based, pre-arraignment pathways for treatment and recovery support services to help individuals whose substance-use disorder and behavioral health conditions lead to interactions with law enforcement and engagement with the criminal justice system.

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While we whole-heartedly support efforts to build community-based, pre-arraignment treatment options, we have some concerns regarding implementation and sustainability of such programs without further discussion to create a solid plan. Considering the likely administrative fiscal burden and the national shortage of behavioral health care workers, we would like to continue the dialogue to address these issues. At a minimum, legislation needs to be drafted that offers Counties the ability to opt out if there is not adequate funding or available staffing.

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Respectfully,
Wasco County Board of Commissioners


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Matthew Ellis
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To Whom it may concern:

February 23rd 2024

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lane Magill".

Lane Magill
Wasco County Sheriff's Office



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Senator Lieber & Representative Kropf
Oregon Legislature
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Salem, OR 97301
Sen.KateLieber@oregonlegislature.gov
Rep. JasonKropf@oregonlegislature.gov

Re: HB 4002
Letter of Commitment

Dear Senator Lieber & Representative Kropf:

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Richard Mays, Mayor
City of The Dalles