



January 4, 2013

The Honorable (Legislator)
Oregon State (House, Senate)
Address
City, State, Zip

RE: Oregon District Attorneys Association Report

Representative Senator,

As you know, the Governor's 2012 Commission on Public Safety recently concluded their work after months of evaluating Oregon's public safety system for the purpose of controlling prison growth. In the end, the Commission voted unanimously to forward a number of individual proposals to the legislature for consideration without recommendation or endorsement by the Commission.

It is in this spirit that the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and Oregon State Sheriffs' Association would like to forward the following alternative report drafted by John Foote, a member of the Commission, on behalf of the Oregon District Attorney's Association. The report provides another perspective regarding our public safety system and our sentencing structure. It outlines a number of additional policy options designed to bend the cost curve of our corrections system. Our goal is to insure that you and other members of the legislature have the benefit of considering the full range of options and perspectives when the session begins on February 4th.

As the start of the 2013 Legislative Session quickly approaches, please know that the members of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Sheriffs Association are committed to working closely with the legislature as active participants and collaborative partners on issues surrounding our public safety system. While we firmly believe that the Oregon approach to criminal justice is a successful and thoughtful one, we are always committed to considering ways to improve the system.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of our state and for work to insure that Oregon remains a safe place for our residents to live, work and play. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to working with you in the days ahead.

Best Regards,

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