



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA # C-6 DATE 3/17/16
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 3/17/16
Agenda Item #: C.6
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 3/9/16

Agenda Title: **Letter to Oregon Congressional Delegation in support of Criminal Justice Reform Legislation.**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: 3/17/2016 Time Needed: Consent Agenda

Department: Non-D, District 3 Division: D3

Contact(s): Michelle Plambeck

Phone: 5039885126 Ext. 85126 I/O Address: 503/6/D3

Presenter

Name(s) &
Title(s): Consent Agenda

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of a letter to the Oregon Congressional Delegation in support of appropriations for the Byrne JAG program, the Second Chance Act, and the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA) currently in front of the United States Congress.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The United States Congress is considering appropriations for public safety: the Byrne JAG program, the Second Chance Act, and the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA).

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3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

N/A

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

No direct policy issues involved. If the appropriations are passed, funding may become available for public safety programs in Multnomah County.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

This letter will be sent to members of Oregon's Federal Congressional Delegation.

Required Signature

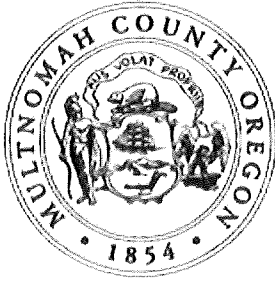
**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

/s/ Judy Shiprack

Date:

3/9/2016

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.



Board of County Commissioners Multnomah County

501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97214

March 17, 2016

Senator Jeff Merkley
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

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Sincerely,

Board of County Commissioners, Multnomah County

cc: Senator Ron Wyden



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221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Congressman Earl Blumenauer
1111 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: Congressman Kurt Schrader
Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici



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