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January 10, 2017

Oregon Criminal Justice Commission
885 Summer St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: Letter of Support for Support Treatment and Recovery Court

To Whom It May Concern:

The Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council expresses its support of the Support Treatment and Recovery Court (STAR Court) program's application to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to the continuation of the Juvenile Drug Court.

In partnership with the Marion County Circuit Court, STAR Court is submitting an application for continued funding for services to youth who are high or medium risk offenders with felony charges and alcohol and or drug issues.

STAR Court helps youth and their families in our community by giving them the tools and support to develop prosocial attitudes, stronger family support, and trust so that they can maintain sobriety. The program provides evidence-based services for addiction and mental health. Participants either obtain a GED or high school diploma. STAR Court gives the youth participant an opportunity to engage in community-based resources which have been proven to reduce recidivism.

In the past year, a new judicial officer and treatment court coordinator have joined the STAR Court team. The team will continue to work together efficiently, effectively, and with great enthusiasm. We urge you to support this program which is instrumental in helping youth in our community.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Janet Carlson
Council Chair