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Crescent Lake, OR 97733

Jim Bellet, Commissioner
305 Main Street
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

April 16, 2014

Regarding: Proposed Klamath County Sheriff's Office Budget

Dear Commissioner;

It is our understanding that the Klamath County Commissioners are considering a major cut in public safety expenditures, specifically in the budget of the Klamath County Sheriff's office. We understand the budget constraints that our county is suffering at this time, but we feel cutting public safety is not in the best interest of our citizenry.

Our position is the following;

- At a minimum, fund the Sheriff office at the same level as last year.
- Provide the Sheriff with consistent funding for at least five years so that the Sheriff office can do long range strategic planning.
- Insure that funding levels are sufficient to maintain all currently employed and trained Sheriff Personnel.

Clearly, it is the job of the Klamath County Commissioners to make hard budgetary decisions, however, it is also true that public safety and law enforcement is the first priority of any government. Public safety will suffer if the Sheriff Office budget is cut, recent examples of this happening are plentiful within the State of Oregon. When public safety is diminished and resultant lawlessness increases, businesses leave the County, new businesses do not move into the County, and tax revenue further drop.

Please support public safety and law enforcement.

Sincerely,



Nick Goeveling
President

CC: Klamath County Sheriff
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