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May 14, 2012

The Honorable John Kitzhaber
Office of the Governor
160 State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301

The Honorable Thomas Balmer
Chief Justice, Oregon Supreme Court
1163 State Street
Salem, OR 97301

The Honorable Peter Courtney
President, Oregon Senate
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301

The Honorable Bruce Hanna
Co-Speaker, Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, 269
Salem, OR 97301

The Honorable Arnie Roblan
Co-Speaker, Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, H-295
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Kitzhaber, Chief Justice Balmer, President Courtney, Speaker Hanna, and Speaker Roblan:

The Public Safety Performance Project of The Pew Center on the States is pleased to be working with the State of Oregon on sentencing and corrections issues. The state's selection for this intensive technical assistance is a tribute to your leadership and reflects our belief that, with your commitment and that of other state leaders, Oregon will take great strides toward a more effective and efficient public safety system. That commitment was demonstrated in your May 11th letter and in Governor Kitzhaber's Executive Order No 12-08.

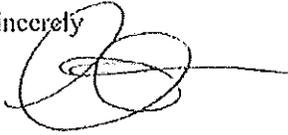
The goal of our project is to help states earn a better public safety return on their corrections spending. Taxpayers expect government to make wise investments in public safety, just as they expect government to spend wisely in education, health care, and other critical areas. And fortunately, new research and approaches have emerged over the past several decades that offer states a wide range of effective and cost-effective options for dealing with the broad spectrum of criminal offenders.

At your request, therefore, The Pew Charitable Trusts, through its Public Safety Performance Project, will provide technical assistance to the Commission on Public Safety (CPS) to help the state formulate a comprehensive set of data-driven, fiscally responsible recommendations for its sentencing and corrections system. We anticipate research and recommendation development will take place throughout 2012. As you requested, Pew also will provide support to the Office of the Governor, the legislature, and other state leaders to advance these recommendations during the state's 2013 legislative session and beyond.

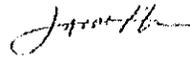
If at any time during our involvement you have any questions or thoughts about the progress or direction of the work, please contact state policy director Jake Horowitz at 202-552-2044 or jahorowitz@pewtrusts.org.

Once again, please accept our congratulations on Oregon's selection. We have high expectations that our partnership will produce a more effective correctional system for Oregon.

Sincerely

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Adam Golb, Director
Public Safety Performance Project
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Jake Horowitz, State Policy Director
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