



Director's Message

May 12, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

As many of you know by now, the revenue forecast released this morning by the state's Office of Economic Analysis indicates a slowly improving economy. Oregonians' personal income is growing by approximately 3 percent, and more jobs are being created.

As a result, General Fund revenues for the 2011-13 biennium are forecast to be up \$128.8 million from the March 2011 forecast. While this is positive news, this weak level of growth continues to place Oregon's revenues well below the amount needed for state agencies to continue operating at existing service levels.

We are continuing to work with the Governor and Legislature to determine the level of funding that will be made available for our agency next biennium. We also are continuing to implement new efficiencies to improve our ability to provide core public safety and youth reformation services in a cost-effective and sustainable manner.

We will keep you informed as the budget development process continues to unfold. In the meantime, please know that we appreciate everything you do for the youth and communities you serve.

Sincerely,

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Colette S. Peters
Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fariborz Pakseresht".

Fariborz Pakseresht
Deputy Director