



JOSEPHINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Dear Superintendent Valenzuela,

I am writing to express my concerns over the possible outcome of the Josephine County Corrections Levy on May 16th, 2017. As you know, historically public safety measures in Josephine County have not had positive outcomes in recent years. As a result, funding became necessary from county reserve funds to keep the Sheriff's Office afloat. The Sheriff's Office is facing a 2.1 million dollar reduction in the 2017-2018 budget due to a reduction in federal assistance. I have been in contact with the Board of County Commissioners for Josephine County and have been advised there is no rescue.

As a result, should the levy fail the Josephine County Sheriff's Office will be unable to provide patrol services or response to the citizens of Josephine County. We are mandated by statute to provide jail/corrections services and that will be at a bare minimum with only Measure 11, mandatory arrests and revenue producing program inmates (Parole and Probation, City of Grants Pass, US Marshall, Drug Treatment) being incarcerated. One of my many concerns is that Three Rivers School District schools will be largely unprotected.

I write to you for no other reason than to provide you with this information so you and the Three Rivers School District Board are knowledgeable of this potential catastrophic failure within our criminal justice system. I deeply regret the situation we are in. Our Deputies and I wish only to serve the citizens of this county and our visitors for which we took an oath to do. Unfortunately, should the levy fail there will be no funding to adequately serve the Three Rivers School District. On a positive note, should the levy pass the patrol division will be enhanced to better serve you.

Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss our situation for opportunities or possibilities to protect our youth.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Dave Daniel

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Serving with Compassion*