June 25, 2021

The Honorable Peter Courtney
President of the Senate
900 Court Street NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301

The Honorable Tina Kotek
Speaker of the House
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Dear President Courtney and Speaker Kotek,

ORS 144.660 directs me to report to the Legislative Assembly at its regular session each reprieve, commutation, pardon, or remission of penalty or forfeiture granted since the end of the previous legislative session. My report is as follows:

Since March 9, 2020, I have granted 33 pardons, 32 conditional commutations, and one reprieve. No remissions of penalty or forfeiture have been granted. Between March 9, 2020, and today, 191 applications for commutation of sentence have been denied. There are 344 commutation applications pending, 162 of which were submitted on or after May 1, 2021. Four commutation applications have been withdrawn. Twenty-five pardon applications have been denied, 36 pardon applications are pending, and three pardon applications were withdrawn. Zero reprieve applications are pending and eight reprieve applications have been denied. One remission application is pending and two remission applications have been denied. Please note that three applicants applied for more than one type of executive clemency. This report accounts for each type of clemency requested as a separate application. In addition, regarding commutations of a sentence, this report specifies only the convictions for which there was time remaining to be served on the respective sentence and does not, for instance, include convictions that may have been part of the same case, but the sentence for which had already been served.

On June 12, 2020, in light of the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and the threat it presents to the public health and safety of all Oregonians, I requested the Oregon Department of Corrections perform a case-by-case analysis of adults in custody who are vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19, for possible conditional commutation on a rolling basis. In order to ensure the safety and security of Oregon communities, an adult in custody was eligible for commutation of their sentence only if the adult in custody was particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, as identified by DOC medical staff, based on applicable guidance from the Oregon Health Authority and the Centers of Disease Control; was not serving a sentence for a person crime; had served at least 50% of their sentence; had a record of good conduct for the last 12 months; had a suitable housing plan; had their out-of-custody health care needs assessed and adequately addressed; and did not present an unacceptable safety, security, or compliance risk to the community. After being deemed by the Department of Corrections to be eligible for
On August 25, 2020, in light of the continued state of emergency due to the worsening COVID-19 global pandemic and as a result of the pause on statutory prison early release programs, I requested the Department of Corrections perform a case-by-case analysis of adults in custody who are within two months of release from custody for possible conditional commutation on a rolling basis. In order to ensure the safety and security of Oregon communities, an adult in custody was eligible for commutation of their sentence only if the adult in custody was within two months of release, as calculated by the Department of Corrections; was not serving a sentence for a person crime; had served at least 50% of their sentence; had a record of good conduct for the last 12 months; had a suitable housing plan; had their out-of-custody health care needs assessed and adequately addressed; and did not present an unacceptable safety, security, or compliance risk to the community. On December 2, 2020, I modified the first criterion such that the adult in custody must have been within six months of release, as calculated by the Department of Corrections. On March 5, 2021, with the pause on statutory prison early release programs lifted, and in light of the still continued state of emergency, I further modified the first criterion to specify that an adult in custody is ineligible if he or she qualified for the Alternative Incarceration Program or received a judgment that does not allow for the full Short Term Transitional Leave. After being deemed by the Department of Corrections to be eligible for commutation under these criteria, I granted conditional commutations to 345 individuals. The names of these individuals are listed on the enclosed Exhibit B.

On March 5, 2021, in recognition of the extraordinary efforts made by adults in custody who were deployed to fight the historic wildfires that ravaged the state around Labor Day 2020, I requested the Oregon Department of Corrections to perform a case-by-case analysis of adults in custody who fought these fires, for possible one-time 12-month conditional commutation of their sentence. In order to ensure the safety and security of Oregon communities, an adult in custody was eligible for a 12-month commutation of their sentence only if the adult in custody met the criteria for fire crew participation, as outlined by DOC policy and procedures, for the duration of their deployment to fight the wildfires; had a record of good conduct for the last 12 months; had a suitable housing plan; had their out-of-custody health care needs assessed and adequately addressed; and did not present an unacceptable safety, security, or compliance risk to the community. After 53 adults in custody were deemed by the Department of Corrections to be eligible for a 12-month commutation under these criteria, I granted a 12-month conditional commutation to 41 individuals. The names of these individuals are listed on the enclosed Exhibit C.
I have granted the following pardons:

**Sorin Aldea.** Convicted of Trafficking in Stolen Vehicles on March 13, 1992, and sentenced to five years of probation. Mr. Aldea successfully completed his probation in 1997 and, for the last 28 years since his conviction, has been a law-abiding citizen. He has maintained gainful employment as a delivery truck driver and is invested in his local Romanian community, where he currently serves on the Board of Directors of his Romanian church. I concluded that Mr. Aldea should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Zin Min Aung.** Convicted of Possession of Controlled Substance II on August 21, 2011, and sentenced to eighteen months of probation. Mr. Aung successfully completed his probation and became a very involved member of his Burmese community. Even though his conviction had been expunged, Mr. Aung reasonably feared being subjected to deportation by federal officials due to this conviction. I concluded that Mr. Aung should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Fredrick Bain.** Convicted of Sexual Abuse I on June 16, 2009, and sentenced to 75 months in the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections as well as a term of post-prison supervision of 120 months. The alleged victim of Mr. Bain, whose allegation of sexual abuse was the basis for convicting him, completely and legitimately recanted her allegation. Due to this recantation and the lack of any other evidence in the case against Mr. Bain, the Malheur County District Attorney fully supported Mr. Bain’s application for clemency based on a claim of true innocence. I concluded that Mr. Bain was truly innocent and should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Wendy Barnes.** Convicted of two counts of Promoting Prostitution on July 21, 1999, and sentenced to 23 months of incarceration in the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections as well as a term of 60 months post-prison supervision. As a victim of sex trafficking herself, after her incarceration, Ms. Barnes devoted her life to the anti-trafficking movement and earned the support of the Multnomah County District Attorney’s office. I concluded that Ms. Barnes should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring her to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by her under the laws of this State.

**Cody Blackburn.** Convicted of Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance-Schedule II on January 15, 2003, and sentenced to 36 months of probation. Mr. Blackburn has been involved with community service activities sharing his profound story of recovery and is working towards becoming a juvenile addictions counselor. He has been employed as a Residential Counselor at
the Volunteers of America Women’s Residential Center and as a Recovery Support Specialist at Impact NW. The Clackamas County District Attorney’s office supported his application. I concluded that Mr. Blackburn should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Sarah Boomhower.** Convicted of Delivery/Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance- Schedule II on December 3, 1997, and sentenced to 24 months of probation and 30 days of work release. Ms. Boomhower pursued an education and has graduated with a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in social work and works as a therapist running the clinical program in a residential facility with women with significant mental health needs. I concluded that Ms. Boomhower should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring her to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by her under the laws of this State.

**Alfonso Calderon-Garcia (also known as Ricardo Calderon).** Convicted of Manufacturing and Delivery of Controlled Substance Schedule I and Possession of a Controlled Substance I on June 10, 2003, and sentenced to 36 months of probation. Since the end of his probation, Mr. Calderon-Garcia has been a law-abiding person, maintained his sobriety, gotten involved in his church, excelled in his employment, and supported his family. The Multnomah County District Attorney’s office supported Mr. Calderon-Garcia’s request for a pardon. I concluded that Mr. Calderon-Garcia should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Gerardo Castro-Chavez.** Convicted of Assault in the Fourth Degree – Class A Misdemeanor on August 11, 2009, and sentenced to 55 days of incarceration in the Clatsop County Jail and 24 months of probation. Although Mr. Castro-Chavez came to the United States as a teenager and has worked hard to become a pillar of his community and has this conviction expunged, he faced imminent deportation proceedings. I concluded that the deportation of Mr. Castro-Chavez would impose an exceptional and extremely unusual hardship upon him and his family and that Mr. Castro-Chavez should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Christopher Dickie.** Convicted of Tampering with Drug Records on August 12, 2002, and sentenced to 10 days of incarceration at the Yamhill County Jail and 18 months of probation. Mr. Dickie has become a national recovery advocate and devoted his life to this important work. I concluded that Mr. Dickie should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.
William Brian Forrester (formerly known as Brian Vargo). At the age of 15, convicted of Sexual Abuse I on December 16, 2003, and sentenced to 75 months of incarceration with the Oregon Youth Authority and a term of 45 months post-prison supervision. Among many other impressive accomplishments, Mr. Forrester has been a law-abiding citizen, pursued his education and graduated summa cum laude with a degree in psychology, has created and purposed many programs now implemented in Oregon Youth Authority facilities, and served as interim director of a nonprofit food bank. The Marion County District Attorney did not oppose Mr. Forrester’s request for a pardon. I concluded that Mr. Forrester should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

Stephen Fowler. Convicted of Robbery I and Attempt to Commit Murder at the age of 17 on December 3, 2009, and sentenced to 90 months of incarceration for each count, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Since his incarceration, Mr. Fowler displayed remarkable personal growth and rehabilitation, has shown remorse and ownership over his actions, dedicated himself to using his lived experiences to teach others in the community, and demonstrated the need for a pardon. He now serves as the Co-Director of the Restorative Justice program at Resolutions Northwest and, among other things, volunteers his time at MacLaren. Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt supported Mr. Fowler’s request for a pardon. I concluded that Mr. Fowler should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

Kevin Frech. Convicted of Possession of Controlled Substance – Schedule I on November 29, 2005, and sentenced to 20 days of incarceration in the Union County Jail and three years of probation. Mr. Frech successfully completed his probation and was a law-abiding citizen, a valuable community member, and a responsible member of society. Mr. Frech is now deceased and his family petitioned for a posthumous pardon of the abovementioned crime on his behalf. I concluded that Mr. Frech should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby posthumously restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

Nicholas Gude. Convicted of DUII – Measure 73 on February 27, 2012, and sentenced to 90 days of incarceration in the Jackson County Jail and 36 months of probation. Due to his superior compliance, Mr. Gude was placed on the reduced supervision caseload and successfully completed his supervision on February 26, 2014, with no violations. Mr. Gude expressed an extraordinary need for a pardon, has remained crime-free, and has shown himself to be a responsible member of society. I concluded that Mr. Gude should be conditionally pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.
Sennen Hegge. Convicted of Criminally Negligent Homicide on January 14, 2004, and sentenced to 30 days of incarceration in the Douglas County Jail and 400 hours of community service. Given that the tragic accident was the result of an epileptic episode, Ms. Hegge has devoted a substantial portion of her life and her career to epilepsy awareness and has spent a significant amount of time giving back to her community. Ms. Hegge also pursued an education, has been a law-abiding citizen, has lived a crime-free life for over 16 years, and has been a valuable member of her community. I concluded that Ms. Hegge should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring her to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by her under the laws of this State.

Britni Huston. Convicted of Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer on May 7, 2010, and sentenced to 72 hours of incarceration in the Clackamas County Corrections Facility, 18 months of probation, 80 hours of community service, and fines and assessments. Ms. Huston pursued an education, graduated with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice administration, and has been productively employed working with recently incarcerated individuals helping them learn how to reintegrate into society and get back on their feet. Ms. Huston has been a law-abiding citizen of this State, has lived a crime-free life since her discharge, and has been a valuable member of her community. I concluded that Ms. Huston should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring her to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by her under the laws of this State.

Jennifer Johnson. Convicted of Possession of Forged Instrument I on August 11, 2015, and sentenced to drug court. Ms. Johnson successfully completed her sentence and graduated drug court in August 2015, and, since her conviction, has been a law-abiding citizen. Ms. Johnson continues her involvement with drug court as an alumni and has served as a sponsor in Narcotics Anonymous meetings, has been productively employed, has remained crime-free, and has shown herself to be a responsible member of society. The Washington County District Attorney’s office did not object to this request for a pardon. I concluded that Ms. Johnson should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring her to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by her under the laws of this State.

Amani Kelekele. Convicted of Burglary I on February 13, 2014, and sentenced to three years of probation. Mr. Kelekele has been a law-abiding citizen and a valuable member of society and his community. Notably, Mr. Kelekele obtained a bachelor’s degree with a 4.0 GPA and now works for Secretary of State Shemia Fagan in constituent services. The Washington County District Attorney’s office did not object to this request for a pardon. I concluded that Mr. Kelekele should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.
Jared Lakin. Convicted of Delivery of a Controlled Substance Schedule II on January 8, 2001, and sentenced to three years of probation. Mr. Lakin has been a law-abiding citizen, has spent 16 years determined to better himself, has helped open three recovery homes, and regularly volunteers his time to carry his message of hope and recovery into the local jails, prisons and youth detention centers. I concluded that Mr. Lakin should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

Daniel Lopez de Jesus. Convicted of Robbery I, Delivery of Methamphetamine, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Failure to Appear I, on June 7, 2010, and sentenced to 90 months, 34 months, 6 months, and 24 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. In addition, Mr. Lopez de Jesus was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine on April 13, 2007, and Forgery II and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm on January 12, 2007, and was sentenced to 18 months of probation, 12 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Lopez de Jesus was facing deportation by federal officials due to these state court convictions. I concluded that the deportation of Mr. Lopez de Jesus would impose a severe hardship upon him and his family and that Mr. Lopez de Jesus should be pardoned of the abovementioned crimes, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

Chi Minh Mai. Convicted of Unlawful Use of a Weapon on April 9, 1997, and sentenced to a term of probation. Mr. Mai’s conviction has since been set aside and sealed. Mr. Mai successfully completed his probation and subsequently received his associate’s degree in computer science and his bachelor’s degree in human services and management. Mr. Mai was fearful of deportation by federal officials. I concluded that the deportation of Mr. Mai would impose a severe hardship upon him and his family and that Mr. Mai should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

Beatrice Mata. Convicted of Burglary I on December 6, 1983, and sentenced to five years of probation. In the nearly 40 years since her conviction, Ms. Mata has been a law-abiding citizen, a valuable member of her community, and a responsible member of society. I concluded that Ms. Mata should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring her to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by her under the laws of this State.

Corie Mathers. Convicted of Burglary I and Aggravated Theft I on May 25, 2006, and sentenced to three years of probation. Since her successful discharge from supervision, Ms. Mathers has been a law-abiding citizen, a valuable member of her community, and a responsible member of society. The Washington County District Attorney’s office supported her request for a pardon. I concluded that Ms. Mathers should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime,
thereby restoring her to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by her under the laws of this State.

**Brian Mellott.** Convicted of Burglary I on May 23, 1993, and sentenced to 60 days in the Multnomah County Restitution Center and three years of probation. Mr. Mellott has remained crime-free, has shown himself to be a responsible member of society, and has spent the last 20 years bettering himself and those around him by, among other things, sponsoring others who battle addiction. The Multnomah County District Attorney’s office supported his application. I concluded that Mr. Mellott should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Michael Niday.** Convicted of Manufacture of a Controlled Substance-Schedule II and Manufacture of a Controlled Substance within 1000 Feet of a School on January 3, 2001, and sentenced to 21 months of incarceration and 36 months of post-prison supervision. Mr. Niday served his time without issue and has been a model citizen since his release in 2001. He would like to adopt his two stepchildren and work in the public sector, but cannot with these convictions. I concluded that Mr. Niday should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Francis Poole.** At the age of 17, convicted of Robbery II on July 16, 2002, and sentenced to 70 months of incarceration and 36 months of post-prison supervision. Mr. Poole pursued an education and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in sociology and a master’s degree in organizational management and subsequently became a mentor for at-risk youth. He has remained crime-free, and has shown himself to be a responsible member of society. The Josephine County District Attorney’s office supported Mr. Poole’s request for a pardon. I concluded that Mr. Poole should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Michael Pringle.** At the age of 18, convicted of Robbery I on April 11, 1991, and sentenced to 37 months of incarceration and 34 months of post-prison supervision. Mr. Pringle has maintained gainful employment, created a stable life for himself and his family, been an outstanding member in his community, and has volunteered as a board member of Oregon Outreach. The Multnomah County District Attorney’s office supported Mr. Pringle’s request for a pardon. I concluded that Mr. Pringle should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.
Patrick Rogers. Convicted of Attempted Burglary I on June 7, 1976, and sentenced to three years of incarceration. Over the last 40 years, Mr. Rogers has remained crime-free and has shown himself to be a responsible member of society and a valuable member of his community. I concluded that Mr. Rogers should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

Steven Rotter. Convicted of Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance-Schedule I (Marijuana) on June 4, 1997, and sentenced to a six-month work release program and 36 months of post-prison supervision. Mr. Rotter has operated a medical practice with his wife in Josephine County and he now hopes to get paneled with insurance companies and obtain medical malpractice insurance with this pardon. Mr. Rotter has remained crime-free and has shown himself to be a responsible member of society and a valuable member of his community. The Multnomah County District Attorney’s office supported Mr. Rotter’s request for a pardon. I concluded that Mr. Rotter should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

Foday Sheriff. Convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm on January 29, 2008, and sentenced to two days of incarceration in the Multnomah County Jail and 12 months of probation; additionally convicted of Assault II on May 26, 2009, and sentenced to 18 months of incarceration and three years of post-prison supervision for that crime. Mr. Sheriff used his time in the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections, and after, to engage with Alcoholics Anonymous and has been successful in maintaining his sobriety and has not had any further convictions. Mr. Sheriff established a stable and productive life with his wife and child, was a dedicated husband and father, and was involved with his mosque and the African community in Portland. After coming to the United States in 1994, at the age of 17, due to the civil war in Sierra Leone, he was able to consistently obtain work authorizations from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and maintain employment. However, after many years in this country, and after completing his sentences for the convictions references above, he was deported to Sierra Leone. Since his deportation, he has been separated from his family and cannot seek reentry without a pardon of these two convictions. I concluded that Mr. Sheriff should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State, including the ability to be reunited with his family.

Lisa Shultz. Convicted of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants on December 16, 1987, and sentenced to 30 days incarceration at the Benton County Jail and 40 hours of community service, and ordered to pay fines and assessments; additionally convicted of Driving While Suspended-Felony on December 23, 1987, and sentenced to six years of probation. Ms. Shultz has been a law-abiding citizen, has lived a crime-free life for over 20 years, and has been a valuable member of her community and a responsible member of society. She has been
productively employed working with school-based health centers that focus on community health for underrepresented and marginalized communities and volunteers in her community for local food drives. I concluded that Ms. Shultz should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring her to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by her under the laws of this State.

**Michael Smith.** Convicted of Attempted Assault I and three counts of Recklessly Endangering Another Person on January 23, 2003, and sentenced to 60 days in the Deschutes County Jail and three years of probation. Mr. Smith has been a valuable member of society and, for his community service and filming of wildfire-struck areas, received the 2019 Humanitarian of the Year Award in Lake County, California. Mr. Smith has been a law-abiding citizen since his conviction. The Deschutes County District Attorney’s office supported Mr. Smith’s request for a pardon. I concluded that Mr. Smith should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Larry Turner.** Convicted of Robbery I on July 9, 1981, and sentenced to 60 months of incarceration and 36 months of post-prison supervision. Since his conviction, Mr. Turner has remained crime-free, has shown himself to be a responsible member of society, and has spent the last 40 years bettering himself and those around him. Notably, he became a drug and alcohol counselor and has worked for a series of social services agencies, often starting up new programs, with a particular focus on supporting Black men and the most vulnerable. The Multnomah County District Attorney’s office supported Mr. Turner’s request for a pardon. I concluded that Mr. Turner should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

**Annie Zander.** Convicted of Manufacturing and Delivery of a Controlled Substance-Schedule II on February 23, 1999, and Violation Treatment-Give False Information to a Police Officer on August 21, 2000, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 36 months of post-prison supervision. Ms. Zander has been a law-abiding citizen, has been a valuable member of her community, and has served as a responsible member of society. Notably, she has maintained her sobriety, obtained a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in social work, and is now serving some of our most vulnerable populations as a mental health therapist and drug and alcohol counselor. The Multnomah County District Attorney’s office did not object to Ms. Zander’s request for a pardon. I concluded that Ms. Zander should be pardoned of the abovementioned crime, thereby restoring her to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by her under the laws of this State.
Earlier this year, Lane County District Attorney Patty Perlow began working with our office to identify certain incarcerated individuals who would have qualified for Lane County’s 416 Program,1 which is a downward departure prison diversion program for high-risk, repeat property crime offenders offering intensive supervision and supportive programs. Through this collaboration, clemency is used as a way to release these individuals from prison and place them into a more structured post-prison supervision program akin to the 416 Program. This structured post-prison supervision ensures that these individuals receive frequent and constructive relationships with a hands-on probation officer with a smaller caseload than the typical probation officer—similar to how drug court programs function. In addition, if the probation officer determines that a more structured residential treatment center would be beneficial, then the individual is admitted to Sponsors in Eugene upon release from custody. As a result of this collaboration, I have granted the following conditional commutations with the assistance of District Attorney Perlow and Lane County Community Corrections:

**Faisal Al-Ansari.** Convicted of three counts of Identity Theft on June 5, 2015, and sentenced to 100 months of incarceration, 12 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Al-Ansari served over five years of his sentence and, while incarcerated, engaged in rehabilitative programming to address his underlying substance abuse issues that led to his conviction, and has continued to do so after being released. In addition to participating in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Mr. Al-Ansari engaged in an intensive cognitive behavioral intervention program that worked on ownership of past actions and practicing future problem-solving skills. He has been clean and sober for years. After Lane County Community Corrections assessed that Mr. Al-Ansari would be a good fit for the 416 Program and District Attorney Perlow had no objection to his conditional release, I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Al-Ansari does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Summer Anderson.** Convicted of three counts of Identity Theft on April 29, 2008, and was sentenced to terms of 19 months, 27 months, and 41 months of incarceration, respectively, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. As someone whose substance abuse contributed to her convictions, during her time in custody, she has engaged in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, counseling, and the cognitive skills development program in order to protect against relapse. She expressed remorse for her actions and showed promising signs that she would be able to successfully and smoothly reintegrate into society. After Lane County Community Corrections assessed that Ms. Anderson would be a good fit for the 416 Program and District Attorney Perlow had no objection to her conditional

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1 Senate Bill 416 (2011) authorized courts to impose probation with intensive supervision under certain circumstances when a person is convicted of certain drug or property crimes. The person must have an identifiable substance abuse problem and motivation to change their behavior. A pilot program started in Marion County in 2012 and then started operating in Lane County in 2015.
release, I concluded that continued incarceration of Ms. Anderson does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Kevin Scott Bray.** Convicted of Identity Theft and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle on May 13, 2013, and was sentenced to 210 months of incarceration, 12 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Bray served almost eight years of his sentence and, while incarcerated, engaged in a substantial amount of rehabilitative programming to address his underlying substance abuse issues that led to his conviction, and has continued to do so after being released. For example, he engaged in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, counseling, and the cognitive skills development program in order to protect against relapse, and he has been clean and sober for over four years now. After Lane County Community Corrections assessed that Mr. Bray would be a good fit for the 416 Program and District Attorney Perlow had no objection to his conditional release, I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Bray does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Blu Steeves Clark.** Convicted of eight counts of Forgery, two counts of Theft I, eight counts of Identity Theft, and Aggravated Theft on January 16, May 14, and July 23, 2015. He was sentenced to 240 months of incarceration, 24 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. While incarcerated, Mr. Clark has spearheaded several new programs for adults in custody and engaged in a substantial amount of rehabilitative programming to address his underlying substance abuse issues. First, he implemented the Blu-Print for Success program, through which he mentored other adults in custody on post-prison career opportunities and discussed self-esteem and confidence building practices. Second, he created an LGBTQ group project in which he coordinated with other adults in custody to curate a Healing Garden through landscape design. Following a pre-incarceration, decade-long successful career as a hairstylist, he continued to cut hair while in custody and had a solid release plan that included transitional treatment and a job as a hairstylist. After Lane County Community Corrections assessed that Mr. Clark would be a good fit for the 416 Program and District Attorney Perlow had no objection to his conditional release, I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Clark does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Joseph Allen Dexter (also known as Joseph Allen Dexter-Merrill).** Convicted of three counts of Burglary I on October 2, 2013, and sentenced to 36 months of incarceration on each count, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During his seven years of incarceration, Mr. Dexter took advantage of a substantial amount of rehabilitative programming that has minimized his risk of recidivism and assisted him in re-entering the community as a productive member of society. As someone whose substance abuse contributed to his convictions, he engaged in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, counseling, and the cognitive skills development program in order to protect against relapse. He has been clean and sober for the vast majority of his time in custody. In addition, he obtained his GED,
completed 192 hours of programming with Pathfinders, and extensively participated in the Getting Out by Going In program. As an active tribal member, he also participated in all Native American programs offered at Two Rivers Correctional Institution. After Lane County Community Corrections assessed that Mr. Dexter would be a good fit for the 416 Program and District Attorney Perlow had no objection to his conditional release, I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Dexter does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Breauna Lee Hall.** Convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine and 45 counts of Identity Theft on November 6, 2013, and sentenced to 30 months of incarceration on each count of Identity Theft and six months of incarceration for the Possession of Methamphetamine conviction, 12 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Ms. Hall took full responsibility for her actions, remained clean and sober, and had a clear disciplinary record since January 2014. In addition to the typical programming adults can complete while incarcerated, Ms. Hall also participated in the rigorous Victim Offender Education Group, Celebrate Recovery program, and mental health counseling to address and heal from the trauma associated with her previous drug abuse, postpartum depression, and other trauma. In an effort to shift her focus outward and help her peers transform their lives as well, Ms. Hall became one of a select group of women who mentor others on overcoming drug addiction as a Peer Recovery Coach. She was known within Coffee Creek as an exceptional Peer Recovery Coach and hopes to channel this aptitude into becoming a drug and alcohol counselor one day. After Lane County Community Corrections assessed that Ms. Hall would be a good fit for the 416 Program and District Attorney Perlow had no objection to her conditional release, I concluded that continued incarceration of Ms. Hall does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Aaron Keith Nute.** Convicted of Theft I, Identity Theft, and Burglary I on November 17, 2014, and sentenced to terms of 96 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Nute took accountability for his actions, engaged in practical skills programming, and maintained good conduct while incarcerated. He has been clean and sober for over six years and was eager to begin residential drug and alcohol treatment upon release. After Lane County Community Corrections assessed that Mr. Nute would be a good fit for the 416 Program and District Attorney Perlow had no objection to his conditional release, I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Nute does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.
Separate from the collaboration with the Department of Corrections and Lane County, each described above, I have granted the following conditional commutations:

**Patricia Ann Butterfield.** Convicted of Murder with a Firearm and Felon in Possession of a Firearm on March 22, 1999, and sentenced to life in prison, 300 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Ms. Butterfield was incarcerated for 21 years and, during that time, demonstrated exemplary progress and considerable evidence of rehabilitation. While in custody, she was involved in programming, showed remorse for her actions, served as a longtime volunteer with the Hospice Program, and more recently spent time as a Survival Coach. I concluded that continued incarceration of Ms. Butterfield does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Joshua Cain.** Convicted of Murder on July 21, 1999, and sentenced to life in prison with a mandatory minimum of 300 months of incarceration, lifetime post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Cain was incarcerated for over 20 years and, during that time, demonstrated excellent progress and considerable evidence of rehabilitation. Notably, he participated extensively in programming, earned his bachelor’s degree, started working on his master’s degree, showed remorse for his actions, and held jobs with increasing responsibility. I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Cain does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Taylor K. Couch.** At the age of 15, convicted of Assault II on March 16, 2018, and sentenced to 60 months of incarceration, 60 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. While in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority for three years, Mr. Couch immersed himself in rehabilitative programming, including taking drug and alcohol treatment seriously, showing remorse for his actions, and mentoring other youth. He thoroughly enjoys writing and recently graduated as the high school valedictorian at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility. The District Attorney’s Office supported Mr. Couch’s application for clemency. I concluded that Mr. Couch demonstrated exemplary evidence of rehabilitation and that his continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Shawn Truman Fox.** Convicted of Aggravated Murder-Robbery, Aggravated Murder-Burglary, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle on October 10, 1995, and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Fox was incarcerated for over 25 years and, during that time, demonstrated exemplary progress and considerable evidence of rehabilitation, including wholeheartedly addressing the issues underlying his convictions, showing remorse for his actions, volunteering with countless organizations, and donating his time and money to attempt to leave the world a better place. I
concluded that Mr. Fox’s ineligibility to seek parole does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon and commuted his sentence to a life sentence with the possibility of parole.

**Maurice Frazier.** Convicted of Attempted Aggravated Murder with a Firearm on August 8, 2002 (nunc pro tunc November 5, 1998), and sentenced to 240 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During his time in custody, Mr. Frazier demonstrated excellent progress, considerable evidence of rehabilitation, and remorse for his actions. Notably, he was the president of the Weusi Umoja African American Cultural Club and was involved in the New Horizons Club, through which he fundraised and performed community outreach. I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Frazier does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Aaron Gilbert.** Convicted of Assault II on September 24, 2007, and sentenced to 70 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Gilbert has excelled while in custody, earning the right to live and work at the South Fork Forest Camp and serving as a wildlands firefighter during the historic Labor Day 2020 wildfires. He also earned his GED, three associate’s degrees, has worked as a tutor, showed remorse for his actions, and participated in a significant amount of programming. I concluded that Mr. Gilbert demonstrated exemplary rehabilitation and that his continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Trei Hernandez.** At the age of 17, convicted of Attempt to Commit Robbery I on January 22, 2013, and sentenced to 20 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During his time in custody, Mr. Hernandez expressed remorse, engaged in a substantial amount of rehabilitation, maintained his sobriety, gave back to his community, and developed mentor relationships with other men in Portland. I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Hernandez does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon. However, on May 3, 2021, I learned that Mr. Hernandez had violated the terms of his conditional commutation and, as a result, I revoked his commutation and ordered him to serve the time remaining on his sentence at the time of his commutation.

**Kevin Dee William Harrington.** At the age of 16, convicted of Manslaughter I on September 6, 2002, and sentenced to 240 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Harrington was incarcerated in the custody of both the Oregon Youth Authority and the Department of Corrections for 18 years and, during that time, demonstrated exemplary progress and considerable evidence of rehabilitation. Notably, he showed remorse for his actions, completed his GED, tutored other individuals, volunteered extensively, and mentored gang-impacted youth. I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Harrington does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.
Brett Fitzgerald Hollins. Convicted of Assault III on October 20, 2017, and sentenced to 60 months of incarceration, 0 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During his incarceration, he worked hard to address the underlying issues that led to his crime, furthered his education, engaged in a tremendous amount of rehabilitation, showed remorse for his actions, and led other adults in custody through mentorship. Mr. Hollins had a good release plan and a genuine desire to positively impact his community. I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Hollins does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

Tecuma Nathaniel Jackson (also known as Tacuma Jackson). Convicted by a non-unanimous jury of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and three counts of Kidnapping II on June 11, 2001, for which he was sentenced to 396 months of incarceration, and Supplying Contraband on February 24, 2006, for which he was sentenced to 10 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Jackson was incarcerated for almost 20 years and, during that time, showed remorse for his actions, engaged in a substantial amount of programming, volunteered with Equality 8, served as the co-facilitator of the Uhuru Sasa Cultural Club, obtained his GED, served as a mentor for other adults in custody and Black youth, and worked hard to address the issues underlying his convictions. District Attorney Mike Schmidt supported Mr. Jackson’s clemency application. I concluded that Mr. Jackson demonstrated exemplary rehabilitation and that his continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

Kiesha Johnson. Convicted of Felony Murder on August 19, 2003, and sentenced to life in prison with a mandatory minimum of 300 months of incarceration, lifetime post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Ms. Johnson was incarcerated for almost 18 years and, during that time, demonstrated exemplary progress and extraordinary evidence of rehabilitation, including fully addressing the issues and trauma underlying her convictions, obtaining her GED and starting undergraduate courses, completing the Victim Offender Education Group and a significant amount of additional programming, showing remorse for her actions, mentoring other women as a peer mentor and a live-in mentor, and volunteering countless hours of her time. I concluded that continued incarceration of Ms. Johnson does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

Trevin Michael King. At the age of 17, convicted of Robbery I on February 27, 2014, and sentenced to 50 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. King was incarcerated in the custody of both the Oregon Youth Authority and the Department of Corrections for almost seven years and, during that time, demonstrated exemplary progress and considerable evidence of rehabilitation. Notably, he took full advantage of programming, showed remorse for his actions, addressed the trauma underlying his conviction, mentored youth, volunteered with Project Pooch and several other organizations,
and obtained his GED and worked toward becoming an electrician. I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. King does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Rebecca Ann Machain.** At the age of 16, convicted of Murder on December 22, 2006, and sentenced to life in prison, lifetime post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During her incarceration, Ms. Machain showed remorse for her actions, took significant steps to address the issues and trauma underlying her conviction, took undergraduate courses, mentored other adults in custody, and remained highly engaged in various forms of programming and skills building. I concluded that Ms. Machain demonstrated exemplary rehabilitation and that her continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Juliette McShane.** Convicted of Assault II, Burglary I, Kidnapping II, and Robbery I on June 10, 2005, and sentenced to 250 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Ms. McShane had already served 15 years of her sentence and, during that time, demonstrated excellent progress and considerable evidence of rehabilitation, including committedly addressing the issues and trauma underlying her convictions, showing remorse for her actions, obtaining a bachelor’s degree, and volunteering with the Puppy Program and Hospice Program. I concluded that continued incarceration of Ms. McShane does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**Suzanne Miles.** Convicted of Murder with a Firearm and Unlawful Use of a Weapon with a Firearm on January 17, 2002, and sentenced to life in prison, 300 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During her 20 years of incarceration, Ms. Miles took many steps to address the trauma and issues underlying her conviction, expressed remorse for her actions, mentored other adults in custody in ways that others have not, substantially engaged in programming and skills building, and volunteered with the Hospice Program and Puppy Program. I concluded that Ms. Miles demonstrated exemplary rehabilitation and that her continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

**William Ray Miskell.** Convicted of Murder on May 25, 2004, and sentenced to life in prison with a mandatory minimum of 300 months of incarceration, lifetime post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Miskell put his time in custody to productive use as he addressed the issues underlying his conviction, expressed remorse, mentored individuals both inside and outside prison, and extensively volunteered time with church outreach activities. I concluded that Mr. Miskell demonstrated excellent evidence of rehabilitation and that his continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.
Victoria Marie Monfore. Convicted of Identity Theft on February 19, 2010 (Judgment of Conviction amended on February 6, 2020), and sentenced to 13 months of incarceration, 12 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During her incarceration, Ms. Monfore graduated from the Victim Offender Education Group, became a mentor for young women, showed remorse for her actions, volunteered on the sustainability team, donated, and engaged in a host of other programs. I concluded that Ms. Monfore demonstrated exemplary rehabilitation and that her continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

Mary Lynn Pierce. Convicted of five counts of Identity Theft on August 19, 2013, and sentenced to 30 months of incarceration on each count, 12 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During her time in custody, Ms. Pierce engaged in a substantial amount of rehabilitative programming to address the issues underlying her conviction and was required to continue to do so upon her release. She also showed remorse for her actions. I concluded that Ms. Pierce demonstrated excellent evidence of rehabilitation and that her continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

Josefina Jasmin Ramirez. At the age of 14, convicted of Attempt to Commit Murder and Assault III on July 12, 2013, and sentenced to 110 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During her incarceration, Ms. Ramirez has taken every opportunity OYA offers to rehabilitate herself, including nearly completing her bachelor’s degree, being accepted into a master’s degree program, being the first in-custody youth at OYA to become a Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor, mentoring and tutoring youths in custody, addressing the trauma underlying her conviction, expressing remorse for her actions, and volunteering in numerous capacities. Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt supported Ms. Ramirez’s application for clemency. I concluded that Ms. Ramirez demonstrated exemplary evidence of rehabilitation and that her continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

Jennifer Lynn Roberts. Convicted of four counts of Identity Theft and Theft I on July 2, 2009, and sentenced to 31 months of incarceration, 12 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During her time in custody, Ms. Roberts engaged in a substantial amount of rehabilitative programming to address the issues underlying her convictions, showed remorse for her actions, volunteered with Girl Scouts Beyond Bars, completed the Victim Offender Education Group, obtained her Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor certification, mentored other adults in custody, and volunteered with various organizations. I concluded that Ms. Roberts demonstrated excellent evidence of rehabilitation and that her continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.
George Douglas Sanders. Convicted of Robbery I and Felon in Possession of a Firearm on September 13, 1996, and sentenced to 204 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. Mr. Sanders was incarcerated for 25 years and, during that time, demonstrated exemplary progress and considerable evidence of rehabilitation. Notably, he expressed remorse for his actions, took time to address the issues underlying his convictions, engaged in a substantial amount of rehabilitative programming, participated in fundraising, and volunteered much of his time, including coordinating family reunification activities at the Oregon State Prison. I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Sanders does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

Jerome Sloan. Convicted of three counts of Aggravated Murder on October 28, 1994, and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During his nearly 27 years of incarceration, Mr. Sloan demonstrated remorse for his actions, excellent progress, and exemplary evidence of rehabilitation. Of particular note, he has mentored and coach other adults in custody, helped many men disaffiliate from gangs, volunteered his time, curated numerous forms of artwork, engaged in a substantial amount of programming and now helps facilitate various programs. I concluded that Mr. Sloan’s ineligibility to seek parole does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon and commuted his sentence to a life sentence with the possibility of parole.

Tammy Rae Traxtle. Convicted of Murder on January 8, 1997, and sentenced to life in prison with a minimum of 300 months of incarceration, lifetime post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During her nearly 25 years of incarceration, Ms. Traxtle demonstrated excellent progress and exemplary evidence of rehabilitation. She worked diligently to address the trauma and issues that led to her convictions, expressed remorse for her actions, assisted several organizations with her fluency in Spanish, engaged in an enormous amount of programming, volunteered with the Puppy Program and other organizations, and built impressive relationships in her employment. I concluded that continued incarceration of Ms. Traxtle does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

Marsel Darvis Upton. At the age of 16, convicted of Manslaughter I with a Firearm on March 11, 2011, and sentenced to 228 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During his time in the custody of OYA and DOC, Mr. Upton expressed sincere remorse for his actions, addressed the trauma underlying his conviction, furthered his education, engaged in treatment and a substantial amount of programming, mentored at-risk youth, obtained his barber license, maintained high in-custody privileges, and took advantage of employment and mentorship opportunities wherever available. I concluded that Mr. Upton demonstrated excellent progress and extraordinary evidence of rehabilitation and that his continued incarceration does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.
Ezequiel Vasquez. At the age of 15, convicted of Manslaughter I and Robbery I on June 10, 2013, and sentenced to 240 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. During his incarceration, Mr. Vasquez demonstrated excellent progress and extraordinary evidence of rehabilitation, including expressing sincere remorse for his actions, severing ties with the gang he was part of, mentoring and tutoring other youths in custody, obtaining his bachelor’s degree, being accepted into a master’s degree program, engaging in programming and skills building, addressing the issues and trauma underlying his convictions, and volunteering his time through numerous organizations. Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt supported Mr. Vasquez’s application for clemency. I concluded that continued incarceration of Mr. Vasquez does not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon.

I have granted the following reprieve:

Darcy Miller. Convicted of Delivery of Methamphetamine on April 20, 2020, and sentenced to 25 months of incarceration, 36 months of post-prison supervision, and ordered to pay fees and assessments. At the time of her conviction, Ms. Miller was several months pregnant and, due to COVID-19, programming in prisons that would enable her to see her newborn baby on a regular basis had been paused. I concluded that the incarceration of Ms. Miller during the weeks before and after the birth of her child did not serve the best interests of the State of Oregon or of Ms. Miller and, as a result, I granted her a temporary and conditional reprieve of her remaining term of incarceration to have her baby and spend one month with her newborn.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Governor Kate Brown

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