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Dear Stevenson City Council:

We are writing this letter in regard to the possible defunding of the Skamania County Sheriff's Department by the City of Stevenson.

As we understand it, the current annual funding from the City of Stevenson to the Skamania County Sheriff's Department is \$177,000. This amount equates to roughly 5% of the annual budget of the Skamania County Sheriff's Department. Conversely, emergency calls in the City of Stevenson alone make up approximately 20% of the total law enforcement calls each year. If the City of Stevenson did not fund the Skamania County Sheriff's, then the City of Stevenson, by law, would have to hire their own chief law enforcement. It is estimated that the annual cost would conservatively be \$300,000 to \$400,000 when you factor in a 40-hour paid employee with benefits, new equipment, a vehicle, and a mutual aid agreement with the Skamania County Sheriff's Department. Additionally, the City of Stevenson and the Skamania County Sheriff's Department have had a 50-year relationship with no litigation from the city in the past.

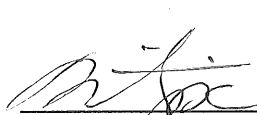

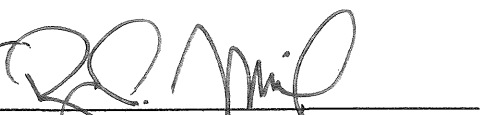
We have also come to learn that the City of Stevenson is currently underpaying the Sheriff's Department, considering the size of the City. This occurs while receiving the benefit of full-service calls and response by the Sheriff's department. It would appear to us that instead of considering defunding the Sherriff's Department, we at the very least may want to offer a bit of gratitude.

As residents and business owners in the City of Stevenson, we appreciate that we feel safe and protected in town. We can walk around the City at any time of the day or night with our three-year-old daughter/granddaughter with no fear of being harassed. We are grateful that we can operate our businesses in downtown Stevenson without the fear of being vandalized or broken into. Keeping the Skamania County Sheriff's Department funded not only makes sense financially for the City, but we personally and professionally think it is the best idea for the health and safety of Stevenson.

Please DO NOT defund the Skamania County Sherriff's Department!

Sincerely,

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