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To:
Parole & Probation Officer
Department of Community Justice
Portland, OR 97204

Re: [Name of patient]

Dear [Name of PO]:

This letter is a request to drop warrants for Mr. John Doe. Mr. Doe has been under my care at OHSU where he has been treated for medical complications of his substance use disorder since August 1, 2017. Prior to OHSU he was hospitalized at an area hospital from July 15-26, 2017.

Mr. Doe suffers severe opioid use disorder, a chronic brain disease that leads to brain changes turn drug use into an automatic, compulsive behavior (addiction). With behavioral and medication-assisted treatment, we can treat his addiction. Mr. Doe is highly motivated for change, recognizes the harms and risks of drug use, and has fully engaged in treatment at OHSU with our Improving Addiction Care Team (IMPACT). He is on a path to recovery; however, his warrant and the need to serve jail time would interrupt that recovery path.

Mr. Doe currently has a spinal infection related to his drug use. Treating his underlying addiction is a critical part of treating this spinal infection and preventing the grave possible complications which include losing the ability to walk, loss of control his bowel or bladder, and death.

By dropping his warrant you allow him to effectively connect to addiction treatment in the community, avoid forced withdrawal from methadone in jail, and get the care necessary to prevent further complications from his infection.

Through the IMPACT team which I direct, we have the ability to directly support his linkage to care for addiction treatment after his discharge. He, ideally, would discharge to a skilled nursing facility for the remainder of his intravenous antibiotics, and then transition to addiction treatment at one of our partners, CODA, Inc.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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