



# FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Appropriations Committee

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LD 258

Distinguished Appropriations Committee Members,

The Franklin County Jail has seen between 7-30% increases in the contracted services required by the State to provide the inmates at the Jail facility. The request for proposal process for Mental Health and Medical contractors in our rural area was a challenge. We only received one bidder and the cost was roughly 30% higher than we had budgeted for. These costs are not optional and therefore they should be considered when discussing State funding. We humbly request that LD 258 be voted in favor to pass to assist all the Counties with providing the services the State requires for the inmate population.

Sincerely,

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