

Board of County Commissioners

1116 W Broadway Avenue

Spokane, WA 99260

Re: Proposed Spokane County Jail Measure

Dear Spokane County Board of Commissioners,

As collective members of the Spokane City Council and Local 492 Corrections Officers, we are writing you today to express our concern regarding the proposed 0.2% sales tax measure set to appear on the November ballot.

While we can all agree that we need to continue to invest in public safety and that the current Spokane County Detention Services Jail and the Geiger Corrections Center are inadequate, we are respectfully requesting a deferral in order to have a better plan put into place through collaboration and discussion between the cities and the county.

This measure is asking voters to approve a 0.2% sales tax over thirty years to bring in an estimated \$1.7 billion dollars towards investments in public safety. A measure like this should have a more specific and thorough plan on how the funds would be spent.

Furthermore, with the cities set to receive 40% of the incoming funds from this ballot measure, we all need more time to put together our own plans on how we would spend our share of the \$680 million dollars we would receive.

We appreciate you taking the time to hear our concerns and we look forward to future dialogue and collaboration.

Sincerely,

Scott Davies

Council 2 Staff Representative

(On behalf of Local 492 Corrections Officers)

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