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Attn: State of Washington JIS Data Dissemination Committee Members
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Dear DDC Members,

My name is Brandi Reddington and I am the sole investigator for Umatilla County District Attorney's Office. One of my duties includes researching a defendant's criminal history for the purpose of prosecution in our county. Effective use of Oregon Felony Sentencing Guidelines relies on our ability to identify defendants' prior criminal convictions. For example, a defendant's prior convictions may enhance a presumptive probationary sentence to a prison sentence. Our prosecutors also use prior criminal history to make plea offers in misdemeanor cases.

Our county borders Washington; therefore, many, if not most of our defendants have Washington State criminal convictions. Currently, in order to provide a thorough criminal history report to our prosecutors, I must contact each and every court listed in a defendant's history because my current access to the Washington Courts website only provides me with the case number, court name and filing date. Necessary information includes whether the case is criminal in nature, case number, court name, disposition, date of disposition and the conviction charge, if applicable. This process can be very time consuming for myself and the Washington court staff who assist me with each request. In addition, our caseload requires me to make these requests sometimes several times a day.

For the reasons listed above, I am submitting an exemption request for JIS LINK prosecutor access. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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