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RE: HB 2406

Chair Read and Committee Members,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify regarding House Bill 2406 which brings some clarity to the window tinting law. I remember as far back as 1989 when I was the station commander at the Beaverton Patrol office for the State Police, and when ORS 815.220 became law, officers were trying to understand the law. I recall on one occasion, a member from the DMV Enforcement unit came to measure the light transmittal of tinted windows of vehicles. The exercise gave us a better perspective of the law, but it still created a grey area for enforcement.

Today, one officer will enforce the law differently than another. One department will enforce the law differently from another. As a result, a driver maybe told by one agency that his tinting material is in violation of the statute, while another will advise there is no violation. I have seen this scenario many times over the years. Clearly this creates confusion for the driver.

Recently, a constituent, Arthur Meeks who owns a graphic design business in Albany, was issued a citation while traveling through the city of Salem. As long as Mr. Meeks has owned his business, he has never been stopped by law enforcement in the mid-Willamette Valley. I have since talked with several friends who still work for agencies, they are of the opinion that the law is grey, and they would not cite anyone for what Salem did.

I have attached a photo of the graphic design that Mr. Meeks has on his vehicle for your viewing. Additionally, I have discussed this issue over the past two years with the OSP patrol division and Amy Joyce from DMV.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill.

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