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The Honorable Chip Shields, Chair  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, CONSUMER AND  
SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTION  
900 Court Street NE, S-412  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: In Support of Oregon Senate Bill 747.**

Dear Senator Shields:

NAMI Multnomah strongly supports Senate Bill 747, which would prohibit the City of Portland from entering into a collective bargaining agreement with the Portland Police Association that provides for binding arbitration when a Portland police officer has been disciplined, suspended or terminated for misconduct involving *unlawful use of force*. This proposed legislation would disallow the police union from filing a grievance challenging an officer's discipline or termination involving such circumstances before a state arbiter to rule whether such discipline was just.

We believe this proposed legislation will support Portland's police chiefs and mayors to discipline officers who have not followed policy and training especially in situations that result in death when either assisting on a mental-health crisis call or arresting an individual.

Sincerely,

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