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Chairman Baker and Members of the Committee:

As a veteran of over 40 years of law enforcement service including time spent as a full time officer and time as a reserve, I am writing to you to urge support for HB 4125. It is time that Oregon recognizes that the service provided by volunteer reserve peace officers is equal to that of full time, salaried officers. Certainly the risks involved are the same as evidenced by the on duty murder several months ago of Reserve Police Officer Robert Libke of the Oregon City Police Department.

Since those who would assault and kill our officers make no distinction whether an officer is paid or volunteer the consequences under the law for committing such assaults should be the same regardless of whether the victim is paid or reserve. HB 4125 if enacted by the Legislature will accomplish that purpose.

Please endorse HB 4125 for consideration by the entire Oregon Legislature.

Sincerely,

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