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To: House Committee on Judiciary  
From: Corinna Soriano  
RE: HB 2355

Chair Barker, Vice-Chairs Olson and Williamson, and Members of the Committee,

Good Afternoon, thank you having us here today. My name is Corinna; I am here with the student association of the University of Oregon and to encourage a yes vote on the End Profiling bill, HB 2355.

Last summer my partner and his brother, two Latino men, were driving home one night when a police vehicle began trailing fairly close behind their car. A few seconds later, they were pulled over. Without an explanation and purpose for the stop, two white male police officers forcefully grabbed my partner and his brother out of the car. My partner was shoved to the ground, restrained by an officer's foot on his back and handcuffed. His brother, the driver and owner of the car, was slammed onto the hood of his car and was told to provide his driver's license and car registration.

As all of this is going on, another police vehicle approached the scene and another two white male police officers storm out of the car, each with a gun in their hands. When one officer finally ran the license plate number he admitted to have misread my partners' brothers plate number and thought his car was a stolen vehicle. After recklessly searching the car, the officers let my partner and his brother go without an apology for all they had been put through only to find out the officer misread the license plate number. When I received the frantic call from my partner that night describing what had just happened, I knew it was not ok for that to just happen and that something must be done.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 2355 because doing so would correct outdated police practices that have dramatically affected people's lives in marginalized communities.