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**To:** Members of the House Judiciary Committee

**From:** Chief Raymond K Rau  
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**Date:** April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Re:** Support for HB 2380 – Threatening a Mass Injury Event

Chair Barker and members of the committee, for the record, my name is Raymond K Rau and I am the Chief of Police for the Nyssa Police Department. I am here today to speak in favor of HB 2380.

HB 2380 is a much needed tool to assist the criminal justice system in holding subjects accountable for their actions as it pertains to threatening mass causality events. The national media and members of today’s society tend to minimize the actual threat, yet quickly point the finger at the criminal justice system when a tragedy actually occurs asking why we didn’t do anything. With the passage of HB 2380 subjects who threaten the mass casualty events would be treated with harsher guidelines and would serve notice that these threats are taken seriously in the State of Oregon. The current penalty for this type of threat is currently a misdemeanor and has little to no effect on deterring the act itself. I have seen firsthand the ineffectiveness of the lower threshold for this crime along with writing several research papers on juvenile crimes and the cognitive processing ability of the juvenile mind. As a law enforcement executive with over 23 years of experience who holds a Master Degree in Psychology, I would urge you support the passage of HB 2380 to give the criminal justice system the ability to stop the threat at just that, a threat, versus the actual act of a mass causality event.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the matter,



Chief Raymond K Rau, M.A.