



June 14, 2017

Dear Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety,

On behalf of the Fair Shot for All Coalition, we respectfully request your support for HB 2355. We have been committed to the campaign to end profiling since the creation of the Oregon Work Group on the Prevention of Profiling by Law Enforcement in 2015 and are pleased with the conclusions that the stakeholders have reached in HB 2355.

Profiling occurs in every part of the state and impacts many different communities., but we still lack a coordinated law enforcement system to address it. The people regularly targeted by police often feel like prisoners in their own communities and many come from families who have experienced profiling for generations.

We recognize the difficulties you are facing in this budget climate. This bill has a small fiscal but has the potential to have a huge impact on communities of color, LGBTQ, immigrant and refugee communities and others who find themselves feeling targeted. We encourage you to make critical investments like these that move us towards a more equitable state and reduce longstanding barriers to prosperity for too many Oregonians.

House Bill 2355 addresses profiling through statewide data collection and analysis to identify profiling in traffic stops and pedestrian searches, mandatory anti-profiling training for all levels of law enforcement, and decriminalizing addiction by reducing small-scale possession of controlled substances from a felony to a misdemeanor.

Ending profiling will restore freedom and open up economic opportunity. Greater accountability will mean people don't have to live in fear and entire communities aren't cast as suspect simply because of what we look like, where we come from or what religion we adhere to. When people don't feel forced to avoid certain areas, they are open to seek employment in neighborhoods that once felt unsafe. No one will have to limit job opportunities for fear of being stopped on the way to work.

Oregon needs to take the next step to end profiling by passing HB 2355.

ABOUT FAIR SHOT FOR ALL

Fair Shot for All is a united movement of more than 30 racial justice organizations, community groups and labor unions fighting together for racial, gender and economic justice. Our priorities tackle critical barriers to safety, health and security and continue our fight to secure a fair shot for every Oregonian. We are standing up for women, people of color, LGBTQ

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communities, immigrants and working families. Together, we are sending a message loud and clear: every Oregonian needs real opportunity and a fair shot at a secure future.

Fair Shot for All includes AFT Oregon, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Basic Rights Oregon, Bus Project, Causa Oregon, Coalition of Communities of Color, Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT), Family Forward Oregon, Forward Together, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Northwest Workers' Justice Project, Oregon AFL-CIO, Oregon AFSCME, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Latino Health Coalition (OLHC), Oregon National Organization for Women, Oregon Nurses Association, Oregon Student Association, Partnership for Safety and Justice, Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, Portland Jobs with Justice, Rural Organizing Project, Sankofa Collective Northwest, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), Unite Oregon, Urban League of Portland, Voz Workers' Rights Education Project, and the YWCA.