



OREGON COALITION OF POLICE & SHERIFFS

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Rep. Jeff Barker
Oregon State Capitol, H-480
Salem, OR 97301

Re: House Bill 4056 - SUPPORT

Rep. Barker,

On behalf of the Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS) and our member officers and deputies around the State of Oregon, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support of House Bill 4056, which distributes a portion of civil forfeiture proceeds to scholarships for family members of fallen officers.

Our members have accepted a calling to public service that is not without risk. And while we strive to ensure that everyone is able to return home at the end of their shift, there is not an officer or deputy among us that isn't cognizant of the fact that one bad incident may mean the difference between ending their shift or ending their watch.

It is fitting that we as a community — and as a State — give public safety officers assurances that their loved ones will have some measure of support if the unthinkable should occur. To do so is a reflection of the value we ascribe to their service, and an acknowledgement of the precariousness of their duties.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Respectfully,

Daryl Turner
President, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs

Cc: House Judiciary Committee