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*Exemplary service for a safe, livable community*

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Oregon State Legislature  
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
C/O Representative Barker, Chair  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 4056

Dear Chair Barker and members of the Judiciary Committee,

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office expresses its support of HB 4056, which distributes civil forfeiture proceeds to scholarship programming for family members of deceased or disabled public safety officers.

Our Sheriff's Office is committed to providing exemplary service for a safe, livable community; by reducing crime and fear of crime through innovation, partnership and teamwork, we improve quality of life in Multnomah County. By actively embracing this mission, my members report to duty each day possessing the courage to place themselves in harm's way for the protection and betterment of those they serve.

Tragically, 129 line of duty deaths occurred in the nation this past year. While each of these deaths make for a distinct and separate tragedy, all are connected to the non-routine nature of day-to-day public safety work; the very work which upholds our mission to keep communities safe.

The loss of a member is devastating to the public, the agency, and the friends and family of the involved member. While individual agencies have a proud tradition of providing benefits and emotional care to the immediate survivors, this measure is another way for government to recognize those who paid the ultimate price and helps fulfill the intentions they had for the children left behind.

Thank you for your support of HB 4056.

Respectfully,

Michael Reese  
Sheriff