

Good day my fellow Oregonians-

I am writing to you today in support of the Policing Reform bill. I strongly believe that police are an important part of our community. They are the first people we call when there is trouble. We look up to them and depend on them for all emergencies that we face on a daily basis. We expect them to run up to danger and selflessly give of themselves to include potentially giving up their life to protect us.

I appreciate their willingness to do what so many would not. I want to make that abundantly clear. However, we need to ensure that our law enforcement officers protect the lives of citizens, especially when they are not actively trying to threaten the lives of the officers. We have seen recent events with George Floyd that tells us we need to pass legislation that helps to protect our citizens. If a person has committed a crime does not mean that law enforcement has the right to execute them. Thus I strongly encourage you to pass this legislation limiting law enforcement's use of force to prevent a suspect from breathing.

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