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Co-Chairs Courtney and Kotek, Vice-Chairs Girod and Drazan, and Members of the Joint Interim Committee on the First Special Session of 2020-

Thank you for recognizing the need for major changes to Oregon's law enforcement system to address the ongoing discrimination, violence and harm to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color as well as LGBTQ, homeless and other communities in Oregon. We especially appreciate the leadership and ongoing work of the Governor and BIPOC caucus to create policy solutions to address some of these issues immediately. However, we once again join our community members in asking you to please slow down this process in order to give these issues adequate time for consideration and community involvement before taking them up in the legislature.

While we know that we must take action swiftly to begin to undo the effects of racism in our law enforcement practices, a number of concerns have been raised with both the LCs that have been proposed and the issues that have not been included. Therefore, **we support the community-led reimagining safety and resiliency effort and ask that you fund it immediately and before taking legislative action.**

Our coalition supported the campaigns around similar efforts such as addressing profiling in law enforcement over several legislative sessions (2015-2017), a process which included extensive listening sessions throughout the state held by both community organizations and the Attorney General's office. In addition, that process and others like it included extensive work with stakeholders and learning from experts in other states and jurisdictions who had already enacted some of the measures proposed in Oregon. If we are committed to truly transformational change that will lift up our communities we must be committed to it for the long haul through a community-driven process.

We ask that you commit to a long-term process with community organizations led by and representing Black, Indigenous, and People of Color who are calling for a new vision of safety and resilience. That process and vision requires significant strengthening of the existing LCs as well as the addition of a number of important measures that have not yet been included before moving forward.

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