

Dear Members of the Special Legislative Session,

I am writing in support of six bills that will be reviewed by the Oregon Legislature during this special session. I urge you to hear and approve:

- LC 49: Making it harder for arbitrators to overturn law enforcement discipline
- LC 78: Creating a statewide database of law enforcement officer discipline and publishing the information online
- LC 79: Putting the Oregon attorney general in charge of investigating cases of deadly use of force, and force that causes serious injuries, by law enforcement
- LC 80: Requiring law enforcement officers to intervene and report when colleagues use unreasonable force
- LC 81: Prohibiting law enforcement agencies from using tear gas, long range acoustic devices, or sound cannons
- LC 83: Prohibiting law enforcement from using holds that inhibit a person's ability to breathe, including but not limited to choke holds

It is time for Oregonians to take bold action, to depart from our long history of racist policies and practices -- in policing and elsewhere -- and to be a leader in a national movement to value, cherish and support Black lives. These bills are a good step in a better direction. Please pass these six bills and stand with those in your community who demand a more just future.

Thank you for the difficult and brave work you do to create a better future for us all.

Sincerely,

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