

Dear Members of the Special Legislative Session,

I am writing in support of the 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 publish 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 a critical point in time in our State's history, which has long been a story of overt and covert oppression towards those in our Black community. The ongoing protests in my Portland neighborhood are demanding swift and decisive change in our policing systems. These bills are a good beginning. Please pass the bills listed above and stand with those in your community who demand a more just future.

Thank you for your public service and your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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