

Hello distinguished legislators, thank you for your work on the issue of police and use of force reform. I am a citizen who lives in North Portland. I believe that I have not faced issues of police harassment or abuse due to my white skin. I am horrified by the culture of policing that exists in the US, including Oregon, which allows officers to Profile,harass, intimidate ,abuse, and even kill people of color. I know there is no easy solution and I am not an expert. That said I do believe that if we ended random traffic stops, Decreased the number of patrol officers while increasing the number of detectives to respond to and solve serious crimes, Paired mental health experts with patrol officers when responding to mental health crises, and increased the use of body cams, We might start to see a change In policing habits and a decrease in abuses and deaths. Please hear the cries of thousands and thousands of protesters, as well as those who are not able to get out and protest due to fears of Covid, and address this issue with the seriousness, intense scrutiny, and intelligent and purposeful action that it warrants. Thank you for your time, your service, and for considering my input. Best regards, Maureen Lefere

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