

Dear Madams and Sirs,

I am a Portland resident, within the 33rd House District and the 17th Senate District represented by Rep. Dexter and Sen Steiner Hayward respectively. As a moderate to conservative voter, I have rarely pushed for the type of political change often associated with progressive movements. However, I, like many of the politically moderate voters in our area, are compelled to face the harsh reality that meaningful change in police policy and protocols are necessary to preserve the life and well-being of all Portlanders, especially Black Portlanders. A higher degree of community oversight and accountability for police actions are especially important. As such, I write in support of reform to state law regarding the arbitration process in situations of community oversight of police. These changes have been clearly enumerated by our local leadership, particular Commissioner Hardesty, and I support her iteration of reform. Please consider these views while performing your duties to all Oregonians within the Task Force.

Sincerely,

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