

Dear Senator James Manning Jr., Representative Janelle Bynum, and all Committee Members,

I have been dismayed in recent weeks to learn more and more about the extent of police brutality in Portland and Oregon as a whole, with a special focus on people of color, especially black people. The police system as it stands is built to enforce systemic slavery. People of color are being wrongfully put in jail and killed because of the way the police system is built. The police force has more funding than they need. We need to take funding from the police system and put it into social services and education. We need to be able to scrutinize the actions of police officers who wrongfully agress and harm people, especially BIPOC people.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions!

Thank you for your time.

Warmly,

Mimi Saine