

Dear Oregon Legislator,

This is not enough but it is a start. I support and implore you to change the current status quo. Please make it a duty for police officers to intervene and that they must be penalized with a misdemeanor for failing to do so. I support changing the use of force statute. We need to stop allowing police (who are human and fallible) to kill unarmed fleeing humans. We need the police to stop tear gassing it's citizens. Most importantly, I support ELIMINATING qualified immunity. It is also time to fully ban "choke holds" or any type of restraint that restricts a person's airway. I do support the movement to defund the police and reallocating funds to the BIPOC community, mental health community, social work services, and refunding our education system. Police can use their already inflated budgets to retrain their police forces. I need you all to look at the evidence and question as to why lethal force is being used on unarmed citizens who are merely expressing those unalienable rights given to us by our founding fathers' and protected in the Bill of Rights? This is wrong and you need to change it right now. Failure to do so is not acceptable. We are watching how you vote, and remember your position in government is for the people, granted by the people. We will hold you accountable.

Respectfully,

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