

To whom it may concern: I am writing to express my concerns on the policies your committee is considering implementing regarding the use of force by law enforcement, specifically riot control measures and display of last names by Law Enforcement personnel! To begin with, having spent 20 years in the military and receiving extensive training in crowd control we were trained to use an escalation of force! That is, physical presence (boots on the ground), use of non-lethal means of dispersion such as tear gas, CS, and pepper spray, to name a few, up to God forbid deadly force. By eliminating the use of these Law Enforcement tools you will be putting the general population and private property at risk, you are also putting the demonstrators and police officers' lives at risk! You will be eliminating any deterrents from keeping these lawless individuals from further burning our cities, and let's face it the last 60 days, have not all been peaceful protests or a SUMMER OF LOVE! The fewer tools Law Enforcement have to work with, the more likely there is the chance for someone to get seriously hurt or worse!

Now to my second concern. Being the father of a Law Enforcement Officer here in the local area, (of whom I am very proud of) I am absolutely petrified about you all requiring last names displayed on uniforms, or riot gear! Again, let's face it there are some really, really bad actors participating in these riots going on right now in Portland. These individuals will stop at nothing to harass local Law Enforcement or Government Officials. It seems to me that by requiring last names on uniforms will lead to an easy path to identify where these Officers reside putting them, their families and neighbors in extreme danger! Just to let you know if my family is placed in danger because of an ill advised policy you put in place I will be very, very upset with all of you and hold you all personally responsible! I hope that you all make well thought out decisions and place yourselves in the shoes of the Law Enforcement Officers who place their lives on the Line every day for us! Unfortunately, there are bad apples in every profession, and it is horrendous what happened to George Floyd, but that doesn't mean the vast, vast majority of these men and women go out to harm individuals. I would also like to point out that all Politicians are not squeaky clean either, case in point Kitzhaber,, Robert Byrd, Senator, Democrat, recruiter for the KKK, but that doesn't make all of you dirty!
Thank You for your time.

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