

Dear Madame Co chair,

I fully apologize for not being present for my oral hearing yesterday. I fully support both LC 742 and LC 743. These important tools of legislation are steps in the right direction to eventually making BIPOC community members feel safe from law enforcement force within the state of Oregon.

In 2013 I witnessed PPB officers physically assault a peaceful protestor merely for crossing the street during a march. I also witnessed multiple protestors get pepper sprayed directly in the eyes for yelling at officers. The officers were wearing riot gear, and using horses and armored vehicles to physically push protestors. We also had tear gas used against us if we walked off of the sidewalk.

It's past time that we create a safe community for everyone in Oregon. Officers must be held accountable. They must wear visible ID that states their full name and PB in large 5 inch lettering on both the front and backs of their uniforms.

All chemical weapons must be banned immediately, tear gas and pepper spray, rubber bullets, bean bag bullets have no place in peaceful protests.

As a citizen in rural Oregon (97381), and a constituent of Representative Lewis, I adamantly disagree with his assertion to hold off on passing these laws. I also adamantly disagree that the expense will be too large for the Silverton PD, they are in the midst of discussing building a brand new PD.

I also adamantly disagree that these laws are not important state wide. Stricter laws and regulations are needed especially in rural PD's to combat ongoing issues with white supremacy and racism towards BIPOC communities from officers that continue to go unchecked.

Both LC 742 and LC 743 should be passed swiftly as a first step towards police accountability, and community safety in Oregon.

Kind Regards,

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