

Representative Bynum and Senator Manning,

I fully support both LC 744 and LC 745, these important tools of legislation are steps in the right direction to eventually making community members feel safe from officer misconduct and officer uses of force within the state of Oregon.

It's past time that we create a safe community for everyone in Oregon, especially BIPOC folks. Officers must be held accountable for their actions.

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 important regulations.

Stricter laws and regulations are needed especially in rural PD's to combat ongoing issues with racism towards BIPOC communities from officers that continue to go unchecked.

Officer Rene Bravo of the Silverton PD is a prime example of officer misconduct going unchecked for years. He was heard making ongoing racist comments towards Black and Brown youth, without known consequences.

On Monday March 2nd Officer Bravo barricaded himself in his home while threatening his wife with a knife and loaded gun. Please see the news item here:

[https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.kptv.com/news/police-silverton-pd-sergeant-arrested-for-domestic-violence-after-standoff-in-keizer/article\\_957e3060-5db7-11ea-b686-7fe524755220.amp.html](https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.kptv.com/news/police-silverton-pd-sergeant-arrested-for-domestic-violence-after-standoff-in-keizer/article_957e3060-5db7-11ea-b686-7fe524755220.amp.html)

As a community member of Silverton, I only learned of Bravo's violent behavior from a news outlet. I contacted the Chief Anglemier from SPD recently regarding my concerns for police accountability, training and hiring issues, and community notifications regarding such extreme instances of violence.

Both LC 744 and LC 745 should be passed swiftly as a first steps towards police accountability, and community safety in Oregon.

Kind Regards,

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