

Co-Chairs Bynum, Manning, and other respected committee members,

I am writing to express my support for Legislative Concepts 746 and 748.

As a civilian with no formal background in contract law, I cannot make informed comment on the specifics of LC 746, but I have repeatedly observed that the arbitration system currently in place serves to shield police officers from any meaningful consequences for their actions, even when those actions are violent and unlawful. This is highly detrimental to public safety.

I applaud LC 748 for its clarity of purpose. The current system makes police disciplinary records unduly difficult to access, again shielding officers from accountability for their actions and in some cases enabling officers who have been dismissed from their duties for disciplinary reasons in one jurisdiction to be hired elsewhere.

Thank you for your time.

Rosalind Lewis, Portland resident.