

Representative Bynum, Senator Manning, and members of the committee,

I fully support both LC 746 and LC 748, 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.

I am a citizen in rural Oregon (97381), and a constituent of Representative Lewis. 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.

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.

As a sister to a Black teen who resides in West Linn, Or. I am concerned about the lack of discipline towards the WL PD and Mike Stradley who planted and made fake claims to have Michael Fesser arrested for speaking up about racism he experienced in his friends company. I continually have to have discussions with my little brother regarding how to stay safe while walking to the grocery store within WL.

My little brother has also been accused of a crime he did not commit by an SRO in rural Clackamas county for trying to access a restroom while playing basketball with a white friend after school hours.

We are terrified about his safety just being a Black youth living within a community and PD that has hidden and supported structural racism towards Black community members.

Both LC 746 and LC 748 should be passed swiftly as a first steps towards police accountability, and community safety in Oregon.

Kind Regards,

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