

To whom it may concern,

I've recently been alerted to several new Oregon bills related to LE brutality, teargassing, and identification. I support this effort to rein in the terror these entities are causing in Portland, and elsewhere.

I support a ban on LE officers using tear gas and other chemicals, rubber bullets, and limiting flash bangs to 105DB, as crowd control. I support the change to a riot only being declared if the mayor or sheriff declares it.

LE should never use force against journalists, those who are not participating like homeless people encamped in a park, medics or legal observers. I support LC 742.

I support LC 743, which would require LE officers to identify themselves with a white shirt and navy blue pants. It is terrifying to not know who LE is when demonstrating. Anyone in black with a gun could be LE, or could be someone who means to do harm. Some would say there is no difference. LC 743 also requires officers to display their last name, which has importance in Portland, where LE officers have been covering their names with tape and writing in pen a number over their names. It is impossible to track and identify these officers through public records, because you need the employees name to identify and match their number. Essentially, circular reasoning that has hampered many efforts to hold LE officers accountable for brutality.

I also support LC 745, which bans chokeholds. Chokeholds are an inhumane, and often deadly, way of subduing someone. Officers should never use chokeholds.

Thank you for taking public input on this.

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