I am the Rev. Tracy Springberry and I serve the West Hills Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Portland, Oregon.
I strongly support passing the four police violence restraint bills — LC 17, LC 18, LC 19, and LC 20.
It is clear from past police conduct that more transparent and clear disciplinary actions are necessary. Police are supposed to increase safety and when they instead hurt and kill they must be held accountable.
I am particularly supportive LC 17, " ending police ability to use crowd control weapons for mass dispersals. no chemical dispersals permitted. no random pepper balls and rubber bullets." These tactics hurt peaceful protestors. These are dangerous and violent. They increase tension and anger in volatile situations. These should not be allowed in a free society.
Please support and pass these bills.
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