

Pending Legislation

To whom it may concern:

Since the killing of George Floyd I have been deeply concerned about the unnecessary use of force employed by some police officers, and even whole departments at times. While I abhor the sort of violence that has been plaguing Portland all summer, I still would like to think there are better ways to end violent confrontations than resorting to the use of military style tactics. In addition, I think it is totally unacceptable to have uniformed officers with no identifying information on their uniforms, as occurred earlier this summer when federal forces were sent into Portland. Finally, and perhaps most important, there has to be accountability when individual police officers injure or even kill individuals in the process of, theoretically at least, taking them into custody. For all these reasons I support LC17-20 which hopefully can be enacted in a special session of the Legislature in September. I urge you to give these bills serious consideration. If they need modification, do that, but please don't simply push them aside. It is long past time for law enforcement to reflect the values on which our country was founded, namely equal treatment under the law for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,
Sharon L. Rodgers