

Police Violence Restraint bills

I am writing to encourage the Oregon legislature to take up the bills proposed by the Police Reform Network in a September session. These bills are an important step in ensuring that police action is in alignment with community values and protects all members of our community equally.

I particularly support LC18 that focuses on making sure officers can be identified. We have seen, on numerous occasions recently, that officers involved in managing protests obscure their badge numbers. When this is done public servants become vigilantes free to operate without any public accountability. While it may seem like a small measure, the ability to identify officers who engage in misconduct is a powerful way to deter officers from inflicting undue force or acting outside of the law.

Please ensure that these bills are brought to the state legislature and considered. We need effective legislative change, and we need it now.

Sincerely,

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