Written Testimony

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in Portland, Oregon in the Buckman neighborhood. Area code 97214. I write today to express how disgusted I am with Portland Police, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Clackamas County, basically all the police forces in Oregon for their disdain for the citizens they are supposed to be serving.

Police in Portland are out of control and no elected officials seem to be able to reign them in. They're tear gassing neighborhoods during a pandemic, beating and hospitalizing citizens, journalists, and medics, and doing it all with a smile on their face because they know they're not going to face repercussions and they're getting that sweet, sweet overtime pay. They're openly disobeying Portland city council, declaring riots without justification so as to use tear gas and impact munitions. They refuse to wear identifying information, then require that same information to file a complaint.

Mayor Wheeler has failed at every turn. Chief Lovell doesn't see an issue. Meanwhile armed thugs were allowed to have a state sanctioned (least that's what it looked like to me) parade of violence through the city, able to assault anybody they thought looked at them weird or who dared shout back. Meanwhile the police were either nowhere to be found, or where directing traffic for them.

End qualified immunity. Disband PPB and start over. Do. Something.

Respectfully, Riley Foster