

My name is Chris LeDoux. I am a resident of Portland, Oregon. I was born here and while I've lived in other places that have informed my perspective, this is where I currently call home.

I firmly believe that we have many systems of inequity within our policing systems and appreciate these bills to begin the long road of addressing these.

I've seen too many people who just got a face full of pepper spray, usually in the first dispersal by police when they were exercising their first amendment rights. I've witnessed their desperation, and the spirit of the community to pour water on them. I have joined the community and asked for change in the streets for nearly half of the nearly 100 days while simultaneously bearing witness to the protests.

How much has teargas and munitions damaged the health of protesters, bystanders, people in their homes, but only in some parts of town? Their lungs? Their eyes? Their personal mental health? So many people have developed PTSD, or had their PTSD worsen.

We cannot separate what happens in the wee hours of the morning from the rest of the protest. There is unity. It just happens to be peaceful to many during the day, but still not for all.

The protests will not end until the demands are met.

As someone still recovering from my own concussion, it has repeatedly broken my heart to see so many protesters getting concussions because munitions have been aimed at people's heads.

In order to have accountability, individual police must be identifiable. These id's cannot be covered and must be easily visible. We must stop hurting arrestees. We must end qualified immunity.

I support these measures: LC 742, L743, L746, L747, L821, and L825.

Thank you for your support for changing inequities in the policing systems in our state.

Sincerely,

Chris LeDoux



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