

9/3 Joint Committee On Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform meeting testimony

To Whom It may Concern,

As a resident of both Oregon and the Portland Metro Area, I have grave concerns about policing and reform in Oregon.

In my experience here as a victim of violent crime, a witness to crimes, a reporter of multiple crimes, and recently, an observer of police behavior through ongoing protests, I feel very strongly that:

re: LC 742—Current police cannot be trusted with chemical weapons, or "less lethal" munitions.

re: LC 743—Police must be identifiable at all times, and in simple terms, ie, wearing their nametags.

re: LC 746—Police must be and need to be held accountable, there can be no arbitrator vetos.

re: LC 747—It cannot be stated more simply: Do not hurt arrestees.

re: LC 821—Crimes committed by police officers must be tracked and available as public record.

re: LC 825—Simply: Qualified immunity is unacceptable.

Lack of appropriate oversight and reform to this point has led to a phenomenon of public servants acting with total disregard for the public they purport to serve. There is a demonstrable inhumanity and lack of basic empathy and accountability in interactions with the public that cannot continue. Please enact significant reforms to reflect the wishes of the public, and in the best interest of Oregon citizens.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,

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