

## Joint Committee On Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform-Testimony

To whom it may concern,

I moved to Portland two years ago. While I am a new resident, the lack of genuine care of well being for the community from local law enforcement was grossly apparent to me. The Portland community needs to see active change in the way local law enforcement conducts itself if trust is ever going to be present. That starts with not only listening to community members (especially those who are marginalized) but with action. Portland has put their lives and safety in the hands of law enforcement for many years. There have been countless opportunities for reform, but with no avail. It is now time for the community to take our lives and safety into our own hands as we have only seen an increase in police violence, especially the last few months. It's time to do something different. It's time to stop only listening and acknowledging community members and to implement their wants and needs. If trust and peace are ever going to be gained, then the only step forward is to disrupt the status quo of the oppressors making decisions.

There has never been trust and safety between the Portland community and law enforcement. If the only people that feel safe with law enforcement are the White and/or rich, then Portland is perpetuating the state it originally was-a state that was fueled by racism and White supremacy. A state that made it illegal for Black and Brown people to live here.

There is no trust or safety at all, unless every single human is safe.  
Stop solely listening, it's time for action.

Sincerely,  
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