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Oregon State Legislature House Committee on Judiciary

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Dear Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee:

RE: Letter of Support for HB 2046

Members of the Keizer Police Department, including our non-sworn evidence technicians, and informed members of our community are very thankful for the support that Oregon State Police provides our police department and our residents.

Despite operating at near historic lows, most people still consider the Oregon State Police to be the agency most effectively responsible for patrolling our highways, providing deterrence through presence and enforcement and providing timely assistance for motorists who need it. Some people also know that OSP provides most forensic sciences for most of Oregon's law enforcement agencies, and they think that occurs without restraint. In fact, as you know, Oregon State Police has had to understaff patrols and investigations in order to continue to provide forensic and other cruicial services.

We are thankful for the Governor's support of OSP in her recommend budget, which answers the immediate needs of OSP and the people and agencies it serves. Similarly, we are hopeful that you will support HB 2046, which will put the Oregon State Police on a positive, predictable, long-term trajectory of professional and reliable service to every agency, resident, and visitor in Oregon.

Thank you,

John Teague Chief of Police