

Thanks for reaching out! Here's my statement that you can share with legislators if it's convenient:

- HB 4145 fills a gap in Oregon that is tying the hands of law enforcement officers who strive to keep our schools and churches safe. The gap exists between the crimes of disorderly conduct, which only proscribes false threats, and menacing, which only proscribes conduct when the state can prove that the person making the threat intended to place another in fear of imminent serious injury. The crime of unlawfully threatening a school or place of worship would fill this gap and provide prosecutors with a tool necessary to keep our communities safe. I support his bill and urge your support.

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