

Distinguished members of the Oregon State Legislature,

My name is Emily Fickel, and I am writing you today to testify in support of the following legislation:

HB 4201

HB 4203

HB 4205

HB 4207

HB 4208

HB 4204

HB 4213

It is my belief that police in our state and across the nation must be held to a higher standard, and these bills will further that cause. The examples of police brutality in only the past month are abundant across our country; improper deployment of non-lethal rounds has maimed civilians, tear gas has been sprayed on the homeless, people have been beaten with batons and aggressively shoved to the ground, sonic cannons threaten to permanently damage hearing, reporters have been arrested or attacked for covering protests, and--the catalyst of the protests--improper restraining techniques that impede breathing have killed detainees.

Please, do your part to put a stop to this violence. Vote "yes" on the bills I listed above and make a significant change in this state to embrace police accountability.

Thank you,
Emily Fickel