

Hello,

Thank you for your quick action in considering bills for police reform. As a voting citizen of Oregon, I strongly support these bills as a start to addressing the systemic racism and abuse of power in our criminal justice system.

Please vote to support the following:

HB 4201. As a citizen, I have serious concerns about our lack of transparency in policing in Oregon.

HB 4203. I strongly oppose the use of chokeholds and other breath-limiting force by the police. While I understand that several police organizations have claimed this bill is too "broad," they have demonstrated time and again they do not use this force safely or responsibly - we cannot trust their judgment or use of chokeholds.

HB 4205. "Good" police do not always intervene to protect us from bad police. We need this requirement codified in our laws.

HB 4207. Again, we need greater levels of transparency in our policing.

HB 4208. I live in Eugene, OR, where police have shot teargas directly at a journalist who identified himself as a member of the credentialed press, in an area press was specifically allowed to be by order of the city manager. The use of chemical weapons violates the Geneva Convention. In addition to supporting HB 4208, please take this to the next logical step and prohibit the use of rubber and pepper munitions as well. Police in this state have proven repeatedly that they are unable to properly handle these types of munitions. Please make me proud to be an Oregonian again and reign in the militaristic force that has been set upon our own peaceful citizens.

In addition, I ask you to vote to support the following public health and welfare-related items:

HB 4204. Homeowners need protection and stable housing during these uncertain times.

HB 4213. Evictions right now will lead to an even larger public health crisis.

The eyes of our state are on you. Black Lives Matter is not just a slogan. Please choose to be on the right side of history.

Best Regards,

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