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To: Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform
From: Emily Walton, Everytown for Gun Safety
Re: Letter in support of Oregon Police Accountability bill LC 27

Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America in support [Legislative Counsel draft 27](#) currently under consideration by the Joint Committee on Policies for the Second Special Session. LC 27 would ban the use of “chokeholds” by Oregon peace and corrections officers as well as updates Oregon’s use of force statutes for peace officers.

Black people are the victims of police shootings at a disproportionate rate and are nearly three times as likely to be shot and killed by police than white people. Police violence is gun violence and we must fight the toxic combination of systemic racism, America’s gun culture and the decades long militarization of law enforcement that has resulted in the tragic death of so many - particularly Black Americans.

We urge you to vote yes on LC 27. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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