

Dear Friends,

I am highly in favor of this bill. I sit on a committee of faith leaders, community leaders, and police working to improve policing in Portland, especially with regard to violence and racial issues. I know how underfunded and overworked that police are, and how welcome this bill would be toward freeing up officers to do the more important work of interrupting violence and making peace. I understand the police union is opposing this bill in fear that they will lose work and income, but the officers I know, committed to better community policing, would welcome having more time to do such important work. It will be a long time before there is a shortage of work for our police. And I have no reservation about a trained civilian reviewing my car speeding.

Yours hopefully,

Joe