



OREGON COALITION OF POLICE & SHERIFFS

Advocating for Oregon's Law Enforcement Officers

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To the Legislative Assembly:

The Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs, made up of law enforcement labor units around the state of Oregon, wishes to unequivocally state that it supports the efforts of the Legislative staff to unionize and urges the Legislature to pass SB 759 to facilitate recognition of such a unit. Additionally, we urge the Employment Relations Board to approve the petition for representation numbered RC-010-20.

The right of workers to collectively bargain for their working conditions must be a non-negotiable element of any workplace with an uneven power dynamic between managers and workers. This right -- not merely a privilege -- must apply broadly to all types of workers.

We reject the Legislature's recent assertion that Article III Section 1 of the State Constitution prevents an executive agency from regulating the business functions of the Legislative Assembly. This is a spurious argument that implies a troubling lack of executive checks upon the Legislature's authority.

ORCOPS urges Legislative leadership to direct the Legislative Administrator to cease any opposition to recognition of this union, and we offer our assistance to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 89 in this regard.

Signed,

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