

Good morning,

I would like to express my support for the bills proposed in this meeting. I believe we have a great opportunity here in Oregon to be the beacon of hope and change this country needs to see. We need to reckon with our racist past and make bold changes to rectify it. This past year has proved we are passionate about seeing this change, we just have to have the moxy to do it. It is easy to see that investing in community is a better, longer term solution to the difficulties we face. This is only a first step, but it is a crucial one, we cannot visualize a better and brighter tomorrow until we start moving forward.

Personally, I have been experiencing extreme side effects from the police brutality seen on the streets of Portland this year. My interactions with law enforcement were always cordial, though that didn't stop me from being maced, tear gassed, beaten with batons, and hit with impact munitions. All only for standing in the street, or attempting to protect a bystander who had been pushed to the ground. Since then I have had frequent panic attacks, insomnia, migraines, and irregular and painful menstruation. I'm only one of many people I know with similar experiences.

That's why I implore you to pass this legislation. Our local law enforcement should not be using weapons banned internationally, or used for war on people exercising their rights. Every person has the right to move through the world feeling safe and secure without being subject to judge, jury, and executioner with a badge.

Thank you