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**To: Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Measure 110
Implementation**

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Re: **Testimony in support of HB 3047-A – Doxing**

Chair Prozanski and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 3047-A which provides a civil cause of action for improper disclosure of personal information.

OSSA and OACP would like begin our remarks by thanking Chair Bynum for establishing a workgroup this past summer that included a wide spectrum of participants and groups that have been negatively impacted by doxing. This workgroup allowed individuals to share their personal experiences and information that helped informed this measure.

Doxing is a significant issue that impacts our law enforcement professionals which has increased dramatically over the past year. Personal information (such as the full name and home address) of public safety professionals working in crowd management assignments in the City of Portland were broadcasted through live-streamed social media or in written form through social media feeds. Individuals have obtained this information and actually showed up at a public safety professional's home while the professional was at work. This was extremely scary and upsetting to the family and loved ones of the law enforcement officer.

Also, this past year, doxing occurred when a large amount of personal information (names and home addresses) was posted on social media for public safety professionals in both Oregon and across the united states. This single release of information was so large in breadth, the FBI provided a bulletin warning public safety professionals across the nation of the release.

Doxing can place a chilling effect on a public safety official's engagement in community safety activities makes the recruitment and retention of quality public safety personnel more difficult.

In closing, OSSA and OACP strongly support this measure. Thank you for allowing us an opportunity to provide this testimony.