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Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senator Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

Re: Support for HB 2929A

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and Members of the Committee,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC) represents the mayors of twenty-five cities in the Portland Metro Area, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians. The MMC writes to express its support for HB 2929A, which establishes a centralized database for officer misconduct report and creates a clear chain of command for an officer to report a fellow officer's misconduct.

Over the last year, the mayors of the MMC have been committed to listening to their communities, examining city processes and policies related to policing, and advancing transparency and meaningful reforms. The MMC's 2021 Legislative Agenda includes police reform at the state level as a priority. HB 2929A requires accountability within our law enforcement officers and agencies, strengthening trust within our communities.

HB 2929A builds upon the "duty to report", established in HB 4205, by providing a clear path to report the misconduct of another officer and establishes a centralized database of the reports of misconduct. As mayors, we value our law enforcement officers and recognize the sacrifice made every time they put on their uniform and go out in the field. It is not fair to officers who are steadfast to the call of protecting and serving our communities honorably to be left without a clear path to report misconduct. HB 2929A provides that path.

Establishing a centralized database for misconduct reports is another important piece to HB 2929A, because it builds trust among our communities. A database will also prevent an officer who has committed an act of misconduct from moving one local law enforcement agency to another. Transparency and accountability should be the standard, preserving the integrity and trust of law enforcement within our communities.

The mayors of the MMC urge the committee's support for HB 2929A and appreciate the efforts made by the Oregon Legislature to pass meaningful police reform legislation.

Sincerely,

The Mayors of the MMC