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To: Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Equitable Policing

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Re: Testimony in support of HB 3047-Doxing

Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 3047 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 of individuals from all spectrums who had been affected by doxing. This workgroup allowed individuals to provide experiences and information that helped informed this measure.

Doxing has been a significant issue facing our Law Enforcement professionals particularly over the past year. Personal information (such as the full name and home address) of public safety professionals working in crowd control functions in the City of Portland were broadcasted through live streamed social media or in written form through social media feeds. Individuals have sought this information and actually showed up at a public safety professional's home while the professional was working. This was extremely scary and upsetting to the Public safety Official's spouse and family.

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 as well as a barrier to recruitment and retention of quality public safety personnel.

In closing, we want to again thank Chair Bynum for bringing this measure forward. OSSA and OACP strongly support this measure. Thank you for allowing us an opportunity to provide this testimony and I'm happy to answer any questions you have.