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# A STRONG VOICE FOR OREGON'S WORKERS

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TO: Chair Prozanski  
Vice Chair Thatcher  
Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

FR: Catie Theisen, OR AFL-CIO

RE: SB 1510, Support for Transforming Justice 2022

February 3, 2022

The Oregon AFL-CIO represents 300,000 workers across the state and is proud to be a voice for all workers in the legislative process. As such, we strongly believe that every Oregonian deserves to feel safe and be treated with dignity. We continually strive to understand the impact interactions with the police have on marginalized Oregonians – including many of our members – and understand the necessity for those who have been previously incarcerated to have support to prevent recidivism.

Transforming Justice 2022 will reduce racial disparities in traffic stops by making a broken headlight, taillight, brake light, or license plate light a “secondary offense,” meaning that an officer can issue a citation only if a driver is pulled over for something else. We know that unnecessary interactions between law enforcement and Black and brown Oregonians increase risks of excessive force and violence in our communities. The bill will also help make sure that those on probation or parole will not be visited by their parole officer when they are at work and reinvest money into healing communities of color.

Please support SB 1510 and enact these critically needed changes that are aligned with Oregonians’ vision for a public safety system rooted in racial equity, accountability, healing, and opportunity. We are very proud to support this policy on behalf of workers and in coalition with the Fair Shot coalition as a 2022 priority. We urge your Yes vote on SB 1510