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I oppose SB 1541 because throughout my last about 4 decades in Portland, and 55 years in Oregon, I've witnessed or experienced countless examples of Oregon State Police, local police especially Portland police, and sheriff department employees/sheriffs committing crimes, not interrupt crimes they were called in time to interrupt, not prevent or solve crimes, not properly investigate or document crimes, or even gather or protect evidence, or just tell the truth. Observing cops several times a day, I saw one drive and park lawfully and only one (a Hillsboro cop) act decently and competently. All the rest failed the most basic standards when called about burglary, stalking, domestic violence, kidnapping, rape, threatened murder, terrorism, hate crimes, and no one has processed or given the victim or her mother or courts the information from her child rape kit in the last 25 1/2 years. Countless times I have directly witnessed and experienced police brutality and crimes against humanity by multiple agencies in Portland. As a juror I witnessed police lie and saw and heard irrefutable evidence of police criminality and brutality and corruption with false arrest and false allegations against their witnesses and victims. As a street medic, I've treated people injured by cops who could have been killed by police and some community volunteers who risked their lives to protect and serve Portlanders from fascist terrorists escorted and informed and protected by lying and brutal police breaking many laws. As a peacekeeper and security or traffic guide I have witnessed police commit violent crimes and destruction of property, then later lie about it and blame others they threatened. I witnessed police repeatedly commit extortion and racketeering, and I've tried to protect and comfort victims of police rape, blackmail, and harassment.

During these decades I've also been a teacher and curriculum designer and school administrator trying to help children and their families because they were victims of police and were so traumatized, impoverished, or wounded, they could not learn or thrive or function. I have been a mandatory reporter as a foster parent when police harmed and did not help children. I have been a Girl Scout leader in which over a dozen families had independently experienced police brutality and corruption and neglect of duty before I met them and they had on-going harm from it. I am a friend to many whose loved-ones, unarmed and innocent of any crime at the time and without police having any warrant, murdered them in cold blood, and got away with their crimes, violations of policy and training and contracts.

During this over half a century in Oregon I have witnessed and experienced social

service providers do a far, far, far better job than law enforcement at preventing and solving crimes and helping crime victims.