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To: Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

From: Chief Ty Hanlon, Sherwood Police Department
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Date: February 13th, 2023

**Re: HB 3035 (Dash 1 Amendment) -Testimony in Support
Threatening a Mass Injury Event**

Chair Kropf and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Ty Hanlon. I am the Chief of Police for the City of Sherwood and I am here today on behalf of my department and on behalf of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) to provide testimony in support of the dash-1 amendment to HB 3035.

I would like to begin my testimony by thanking Representative Neron for her hard work crafting this measure and the dash-1 amendment that is before the committee today. This morning, I would like to share an incident in Sherwood that illustrates the importance of the legislation before you.

- During May of 2022, threats to harm school children and staff were being sent to federal agencies. There were 15 separate threats that were sent by email. Threats were focused on harming of children and staff but did not name a specific target
- Threats were: "cause mass casualties", "I am going to kill people", "I will murder innocent people", "innocent children will now lose their lives"
- On May 15th- Threats specifically naming Middleton Elementary were received. They included:
 - 17:53hrs - "there are consequences for allowing these hackers to hack. The fact you guys let these hackers do any of the stuff they are doing only tells me that the government wants these shootings to happen.
 - 1800hrs - "I'm going to shoot up Middleton elementary school because of the terroristic hacking that's taken place:

- 1810 “the students at middleton elementary will die brutal, painful, bloody, cruel deaths. This is not a joke, no ones laughing. These people are going to die as a consequence of your mistakes, time travelers”
- The school was secured and all resources were utilized to locate and apprehend the subject.
- The subject was charged initially with Disorderly Conduct, a misdemeanor (a public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm.... Knowing it to be false).
- The panic, fear and rippling impact on the students, parents, staff and community is still present today. They still worry about this individual and their potential to act out their threats.
- A misdemeanor today often results in a cite and release from the scene. Without the ability to charge and hold someone does not protect the community or give law enforcement enough time to further investigate the case.
- This case had to be taken federally in order to keep the subject in custody.
- There is a gap in the law; HB 3035 helps address instances where people are threatening mass harm.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration. I’m happy to answer any questions you may have.