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As a Public Safety Officer in Lane County, I've seen firsthand how today's issues in society spills onto the transit system. You can enforce rules and laws so much in today's climate where the criminal is the victim and actual victims are left behind without a care in the world from leaders, certain people don't care and keep coming back to cause more breaking of laws. As it regularly comes on the transit system, there needs to be better protections in place for transit workers when on the job (I'd go far as to say off the job too). Having stronger penalties for assaulting transit employees and even passengers is one step better to keep everyone safe riding a bus, utilizing a station/stop, or just taking a few minutes of a break while in the driver's seat waiting to start the next run.