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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB808

To the Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Beatrix Li, a community member in Oregon. I speak from lived experience of police violence at racial justice demonstrations and as a community organizer working on issues of police accountability. I have been following the developments of Law Enforcement Standards and Discipline Commission (LESC) to ensure that HB4008, the original bill enrolled, serves its purposes in police accountability.

I am a part of a network of community-based organizations and advocates for civil rights and advocates of public safety. We are advocating for support of SB808, so that the commission reflects an inclusive base of members, rather than how it currently stands, with law enforcement and those with the interests of law enforcement. We cannot have biased parties in favor of law enforcement to create and implement draft rules for cases of misconduct. In short, law enforcement and those serving their interests cannot be trusted in issues of police accountability. There must be a wide range of advocates and community members in order to reflect the make up of Oregonians.

To add, I am concerned about the current draft rules and want to ensure the implementation of the rules if/when HB808 is passed, that accountability is carried out when law enforcement officers in Oregon commit misconduct. There should not be an option for simply a written reprimand for officers joining a hate group, for sexual assault, police use of force/killings, misconduct, etc is unconscionable. This should not end with a letter in their box.

I work with families affected by police violence and those who lost a loved one to law enforcement, and there is a common feeling that law enforcement can commit unconscionable acts without accountability. Oregonians supported the original bill, a trademark of Representative Bynum's legacy for police reform in Oregon. We must demand for an Oregon that values and fights for police accountability.

We deserve to have those serving in LESD to reflect the values and interests of Oregonians. We are asking for your vote to pass SB808.

Thank you for your time.

Beatrix Li