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Re: Statement in Support of SB 808 (2023 Regular Session)

Dear Legislators:

I am a Portland lawyer with 42 years of experience evaluating, filing, litigating and trying lawsuits on behalf of citizens who have been injured or killed by police.

I urge you to support SB 808. The composition of the Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline as currently envisioned is heavily weighted with representatives of the law enforcement community whose interests are to maintain the status quo and does not adequately provide for membership that represents the interests of the “consumer” side of public safety. The culture of policing is insular and incapable of the type of objective self-critical analysis that is required to adopt disciplinary standards that will move the approximately 208 independent law enforcement agencies in this state in the direction of integrity and accountability. Passage of SB 808 will better enable the Commission to accomplish much needed meaningful reform.

Sincerely yours,

s/ David Park

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