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Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on HB 4091 which I would ask you to support.

I am a retired physician, concerned citizen, resident of Eugene for the past 30 years, mother, wife, grandmother and active community member.

This year I watched as the White House once again provoked tension in Portland to make political points rather than protect the citizens from genuine dangers that local law enforcement could manage. Fortunately, Judge Immergut, nominated to the federal bench by President Trump, closed the door on the reckless and wasteful activation of the Oregon National Guard to demonstrate his presidential power as commander and chief.

That series of events convinced me that guardrails for the activation by the Guard need to be set sooner rather than later, even if the courts rule against Oregon in some future dispute. Thus, I support the Oregon Legislature's effort to clarify the relationship between federal and state roles as described in HB 4091.

Thanks for your attention to this important bill.

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