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Dear Senator Prozanski and members of the judiciary committee,

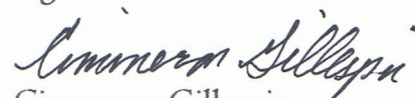
I am writing representing the Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC), to call for your support of SB 560, to end profiling. CALC has been a consistent voice for human dignity in Lane County for decades, and we believe this bill will further the cause of dignity and justice. We at CALC appreciate that this bill is being nurtured in the judiciary committee, and want to thank you for putting time into a hearing for it.

In a recent public forum in Eugene, we discussed prisons, profiling, and race. Dozens of people attended the room was packed and there was not even enough time to hear everyone's experiences with profiling because there were so many. This bill provides a long term accountability process and that is key for our communities to have a sense of safety. This bill also falls in line with the 'Law Enforcement Non-Discrimination Resolution' adopted by the Portland Police Bureau and other agencies in the 1990s, and would help other police agencies statewide to find a uniform policy.

Oregon has an opportunity with this bill to join many other states in banning profiling. There are many stereotypes and negative media representations which marginalize particular identities and may lead officers to make false assumptions and prejudgments, which for some may unconsciously carry into their work, SB 560 will help to discourage biases in law enforcement. This bill is basic step towards increased justice and human dignity. We hope to be part the nurturing process of this bill over the next few years, so that it may become law.

CALC and it's supporters urge you to support for SB 560 in this hearing and in the years to come.

Signed,



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