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Compassion Courage Respect Integrity Excellence Service Testimony in favor of Senate Bill 501 Human Services and Early Childhood Committee Tuesday, March 10, 2015 3:00 pm

Dear Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee:

My name is Scott Anderson, Police Chief for the city of Troutdale. I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 501 and the East Metro Gang Enforcement Team.

I am very proud of the inroads that our Inter-Agency Gang Enforcement Team has made to identify, prevent and interdict gang activity in East Multnomah County. Much of the successes achieved are due to the regional approach we have taken to a very complex problem. However, this effort must continue or gang and other criminal activity will proliferate and spread throughout other regions within our state.

We have always identified gang issues as needing a community response. Previous state funding for EMGET has sent a positive message to our community that we are serious about addressing this issue. That support has enabled us to build effective partnerships with several local non-profit organizations that have joined us in seeking solutions to these critical issues. This is evidenced by the work that continues with the Gang and Youth Violence Subcommittee to the Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.

On behalf of the citizens of Troutdale and East Multnomah County I am urging you to support Senate Bill 501.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Anderson Chief of Police