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I am writing to express my support to HB 2355, because it is a good opportunity to address some of the problems of racism in our state. As a means to track racial profiling, and create mandatory anti-profile training for law enforcement, it could lower the excessive rates of arrests of people of color for perceived minor traffic violations. Lowering the penalty for small scale drug possession from a felony to a misdemeanor will help reduce the disparity of people of color in our prison system and treating addiction and use of drugs as a public health issue will get people the help they need, rather than destroying lives further with incarceration.

This bill gives Oregon the opportunity to change some of our overtly racist practices (profiling and higher incarceration rates). I urge you to support its passage.

Sincerely,
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