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RE: House Bill 2750

Chair Williamson and members of the committee:

For the record my name is Carla Piluso, and I proudly represent House District 50, the great city of Gresham.

I am testifying in support of House Bill 2750, which will move law enforcement in Oregon towards. I completed my training at the police academy almost exactly forty years ago. Like many police officers today, I went into policing because I care about public safety, and care about helping people in my community.

The idea of “trauma” was not something we knew much about back then. We didn’t know about the impact that trauma can have on emotions and behavior, and we weren’t given the tools to work with victims who have been through pain and terror that we couldn’t even imagine. There was simply a lack of thoughtfulness on these issues: I had to make a case for why I should be allowed to wear my Mickey Mouse sweatshirt instead of my police uniform when interviewing a child victim.

There is now a much greater awareness that policing isn’t just about catching the bad guys—it’s about helping victims, preventing further crime, and making our community whole. This bill will go far towards giving law enforcement the resources they need to help victims effectively. I encourage you to support HB 2750.

Sincerely,

Carla C. Piluso
Oregon State Representative, House District 50