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RE: House Bills 423 and 424

Chair Williamson and members of the committee:

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

Senate Bill 423 and Senate Bill 424 come out of a workgroup convened by Senator Frederick over the summer to address issues around law enforcement behavioral health and wellness.

That's a topic that shouldn't be controversial. As a police officer and as a police chief, I've seen the need for us to focus on officer wellness. Police work is a unique job with unique pressures. We're all better off when law enforcement officers get the support they need to do the best job they can.

These two bills are simple, proactive solutions with broad support. Senator Frederick's workgroup brought together the full range of stakeholders, including the Chiefs and Sheriffs, the police unions, the League of Oregon Cities, and DPSST.

I urge your support for both SB 423 and SB 424. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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