

Dear Senator Manning and Members of the Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation,

My name is Maria Cahill and I testify on behalf of Pacific Northwest Family Circle, an organization led by Families whose Loved Ones were killed by police.

We believe Senate Bill 421 could make policing systems more transparent in Oregon, which could reduce the number of deaths caused by police. We support Senate Bill 421 with some caveats.

When a Loved One is killed, Families struggle to get timely information from the government.

We notice there is a time frame for when the Department of Justice (or DOJ) to report information to the public of 10 days. There is no similar timeline requiring the Department of Public Safety and Standards (or DPPST) to report information to the DOJ. We suggest adding this information to the bill and making it 10 days.

The data collected is a good start; however, the government need more information to really assess how effective your interventions are and Families and the community needs more information for our analyses of police violence in Oregon. The data that should also be made public includes:

- date of incident. This will help us cross reference police murders with other databases.
- current employment status of police officer. Are they still active? fired? retired?
- county. Since District Attorneys have a tremendous amount of discretionary power, we will want to track disciplinary actions by county.
- race and gender of officers. Recent scientific studies have shown that white male officers use more force more often than officers of any other race and gender. To make the most informed decisions about police violence, we will all benefit from this data.
- the age of an officer. Science has shown that on average, male-bodied people become less aggressive with age. Knowing the age of officers could help us make better policy around policing.

Finally, the format should be easily accessible to the public. Reports should be carefully edited to be clear and concise and written in everyday language that is as close to a 3rd or 4th grade level as possible. Terms that cannot meet this criteria but are necessary should be defined in an easy to access glossary.

I will close with this. Family Members of Pacific Northwest Family Circle have been demanding greater transparency and accountability of this sort since 2016. We are glad that this is being taken out of the DPPST's responsibility and placed in another state department. The state tracks use of lethal force, but Ellen Rosenblum is unwilling to require agencies to fully report even when Portland Copwatch points out missing data. So, please consider how reporting to this database can be required and enforced and add that language to this bill.

This testimony is offered on behalf of PNWFC Loved Ones killed by police. I'll just say a few of their names now:

19 year-old Christopher Kalonji  
22 year-old Bodhi Phelps  
25 year-old Chance Thompson  
17 year-old Quanice Hayes  
24 year-old Terrell Johnson  
27 year-old Chase Hammer  
21 year-old Brad Lee Morgan  
27 year-old Daniel Isaac Covarrubias  
29 year-old Alex Dold  
49 year-old Captain Brian A. Babb  
(alive) Andre Thompson  
(alive) Bryson Chaplin  
44 year-old Deano Case  
54 year-old Remi Sabbe  
48 year-old John Elifritz  
43 year-old Jesse Powell  
27 year-old Patrick Kimmons  
35 year-old Matthew Burroughs  
36 year-old Andre Gladen  
20 year-old Giovanni Joseph-McDade  
29 year-old Joel Nelson  
31 year-old Titi Gulley  
16 year-old Brian Guy Dixon  
29-year-old Wesley Allen Barbee  
40 year-old Elibrio "Eli" Rodrigues  
(alive) Melvin Lewis Dillon  
25-year-old Keaton Otis  
33-year-old Stacy Kenny  
42-year-old James Chasse