



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of State Police

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of funding the Oregon State Police.

My name is Brandon Dougherty and I am a Trooper with Oregon State Police. I am assigned to the Klamath Falls office. I have been employed by the Oregon State Police for approximately two and half years. Before my employment with the Oregon State Police, I was employed by the Klamath Falls Police Department for approximately twelve years.

Since the beginning of my employment, I have worked hard to make highway safety a priority and believe the State Police does an exceptional job with that role throughout Oregon. However, the main issue hindering the State Police with highway safety is the lack of Troopers throughout the state.

As I am writing this letter, I am the only Patrol Trooper on duty for all of Klamath County. The Klamath Falls Office is responsible for six highways, which means I could have a crash or incident by Chemult, Oregon and then have a call in Bly, Oregon, which is over 100 miles away.

I make highway safety a priority every day, but selfishly my main priority is my personal safety and going home safely to my family every day. I want to see increased Troopers throughout the state to enforce highway safety, but I mainly want to see more Troopers employed for my safety and the safety of my fellow Troopers.

In most cases if I need backup on a situation, it is very common there are no other Troopers working or available. Which means I will need assistance from a local city officer or county deputy. Since those agencies most generally are not in the same area, my backup could be up to an hour away.

I am requesting the State Police's budget to be increased for the safety of the all-current Troopers, the safety of the motoring public and the safety of the general public.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Brandon Dougherty

