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Greetings,

I am here to share my experience with the police here in Oregon. My experience has not been a positive one. While walking down the streets in my city on multiple occasions I have been minding my own business when a police officer rolls up, stares at me aggressively and issues an accusatory hello. I am filled with stress, but I'm a seasoned Bipoc. I know the game. I say hello and stare back. He gives another dirty look and passes by. I survive yet another interaction. Picture this I am walking down town again minding my own business, a police officer is on foot. She sees me, she visibly looks nervous. I think to myself what they are teaching these fools. As we pass each other she places her hand on her weapon. For what? I am just minding my own business walking my dog. It doesn't stop there. Imagine this, I'm in my home having a wonderful rest. The night is filled with peace and rejuvenation. I am awoken by the sight of bright lights in my backyard. I grab my things and my dog ready to confront the intruder. A bright light flashes my face. I'm temporarily blinded by the light my dog begins to bark. Upon noticing me the group of intruders begin to leave the premises. I later found out that it was the police claiming they were looking for a firearm. I can't stop thinking that we have heard this story before but with a worse ending. We need to fix this issues holistically because I don't want people to #Saymyname. That is why I am in support of this bill. The police would not have had to report any use of force if they saw it necessary to use it. Hold police accountable like we would any other profession.