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Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Public Safety
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Port of Portland SB 5533 Comments

Co-Chair Sollman, Co-Chair Evans and Members of the
Committee:

During this volatile and unpredictable economic time, we share the challenges of providing the best resources and service delivery to our citizens while working within diminishing budget parameters. As with other agencies, East County police agencies are challenged with the task of prioritizing programs. Getting police departments fully staffed and having available training, is critical in all our policing efforts.

The City of Gresham fully supports SB 5533. We are especially grateful for the funding for twenty academies, which is the maximum capacity for the existing facility.

We would also like to express support for a temporary regional academy, staffed with DPSST-certified trainers, to help clear the six-month backlog of training as expeditiously as possible. We believe there are qualified trainers in the metro area who may participate in a regional academy but who are not currently working in Salem because of the distance. We also believe that we can work with partners to find adequate regional facilities, which would keep costs low for the state.

Thank you again for considering these critical investments. Gresham is ready and willing to partner in whatever way we can to address the current backlog and move our State forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Travis Gullberg', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Travis Gullberg
Police Chief
City of Gresham

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