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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
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Hello Senators,

My name is Irene Henjum and I am a resident of Springfield, Oregon. I am writing in support of the changes presented in SB 808.

I was surprised to learn that previously, the commission didn't require any of its members to identify as members of the following groups: victims of police violence (or family members of victims), healthcare providers such as counselors or therapists, or general members of the community that aren't law enforcement affiliated. It seems to me that the purpose of the commission is to ensure statewide standards which will in turn offer protection to the general public, but the commission includes few members of the public.

I am glad to see the changes proposed with SB 808 and encourage you to take it a step further and require that the commission membership include victims of police violence or family members of victims and healthcare providers such as licensed counselors or therapists as these individuals uniquely understand the consequences of police violence.

Thank you for your consideration,
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