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Hello, my name is Maria Rossi Cahill, and I'm a spokesperson for Pacific Northwest Family Circle. We appreciate the opportunity to submit this written testimony. This mirrors the testimony we offered online. We are an Oregon nonprofit that unites families whose loved ones were killed by police. Our mission is police accountability.

Last August, I provided written and verbal testimony on behalf of the families to the Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline. One key point of our testimony was that we wanted a more balanced membership structure on the commission that included more representation from people who aren't police and aren't associated with law enforcement.

We're happy for the introduction of senate bill 808, which does exactly that. It substitutes 2 people related to law enforcement for 2 people who "represent the interests of the public." This is very positive *and* we'd like Senate, SB 808 to go further. It should specifically require a position on the commission for someone who's been harmed by police violence, either directly themselves, or through the loss of a loved one.

The families of Pacific Northwest Family Circle fit this criteria and have already worked for years to hold police accountable for taking the lives of their loved ones. This perspective is desperately needed on a commission that establishes discipline standards for misconduct, especially for use of deadly force cases.