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To: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

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Re: Testimony in Support of SB 915

Chair Prozanski and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Kevin Campbell, and I am here today on behalf of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) to provide testimony in support of SB 915.

I want to begin by thanking Senator Gorsek and Senator Manning for working with stakeholders to reach the agreement that is outlined in SB 915. We fully support this measure and we are hopeful the committee will vote to move the bill forward and that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means will appropriate the funds necessary to create the additional resources envisioned in the bill.

SB 915 would create a specialized resource within the Oregon Department of Justice to handle the referral of criminal prosecutions involving the use of force by law enforcement that results in the death of a person. This additional resource would provide District Attorney's in Oregon the option to request the involvement of DOJ in a fatal use of force prosecution and to access specialized expertise in DOJ when the DA determines it is important to do so.

As you know, the Oregon legislature passed over 20 police reform measures between the Special Sessions in 2020 and the short session in 2022. These included a comprehensive modernization of our Use of Force statutes in HB 4301 (2020 2nd Special Session) and use of force reporting requirements in HB 2931 (2021 Legislative Session).

Thank you for your consideration.