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Senate Judiciary Committee Oregon State Legislature 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

## **RE:** Support for Senate Bill 993 – Restoring Direct Access to Booking Photos for Licensed Investigators

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 993, which would restore direct access to booking photos for licensed investigators. This bill is a necessary step to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of investigative work, particularly in legal defense cases.

As a licensed investigator, booking photos are a critical tool in identifying individuals, verifying identities, and conducting thorough investigations. Without direct access, we are forced to navigate a costly and time-consuming public records request process, which not only burdens investigators but also strains government resources. The delays in obtaining booking photos can significantly impact case timelines, hinder due process, and increase expenses for the state and taxpayers.

Restoring access would allow investigators to work more efficiently, ensuring that legal teams have the necessary tools to support fair and accurate judicial proceedings. Many of us have faced challenges obtaining booking photos through alternative means, including high costs and excessive delays. Senate Bill 993 would eliminate these obstacles and restore a crucial resource for those conducting defense investigations and other lawful inquiries.

I urge you to support this bill and help streamline the investigative process, ultimately saving time and money while promoting a more just system. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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