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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Alonso Oliveros, and I live in Polk County. I work as a Program Associate for the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), a non-profit Quaker organization that brings together people of all faiths and backgrounds to challenge injustice and build peace around the globe. I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1191, a bill relating to informing others of their rights. As an organization that helps vulnerable community members to know, exercise and defend their constitutional and civil. This bill is essential to help empower our newcomer and established community members with knowledge of their rights.

There is no malicious intent in sharing knowledge and comprehensive understanding with community members when interacting with law enforcement. Some of these community members may be unaware of their basic rights, unfortunately due to prior adverse interactions with police and federal officials from their countries of origin where abuse of power and intimidation is rampant. Let us share with them that they can count on welcoming community members to inform them of the protocols and procedures to interact with our law enforcement officials. Only by informing them what rights and roles they have during interactions with law enforcement will help them reduce tense interactions. On the other hand, providing them with the knowledge to navigate adverse interactions by some unfortunate bad actors may help increase accountability of such abuses.

All Oregonians deserve to be informed of their constitutional and civil rights to show solidarity and stand alongside them. For these reasons, I urge you to support SB 1191 to ensure that well-intentioned and well-meaning community members are not viewed as bad actors but as fellow oath keepers of our US Constitution and as Good Samaritans.

We urge your support of this legislation.

Thank you,

Alonso Oliveros & Pedro Sosa