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SB1015

I'm writing to strongly oppose Senate Bill 1015. This plan to have the Department of Justice hand out grants to community groups to "reduce community violence" sounds like a rehash of bad ideas that have already been tried and failed miserably. Oregon doesn't need more feel-good experiments, we need results.

While the bill claims to create an oversight board, the entities receiving funds are explicitly not law enforcement, and the oversight board itself is not elected nor required to be impartial.

Taxpayer money should not be funneled into unaccountable, ideologically aligned nonprofits with no proven track record of reducing crime. There's no clear mechanism in the bill to reclaim funds if programs fail or misuse money.

Oregon's high-violence communities don't need another social experiment. They need cops, courts, and consequences. SB 1015 is a step backward, and I urge you to scrap it. Focus on what works: arrest, prosecute, incarcerate.