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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1015

Potential Redundancy with Existing Programs:

Oregon currently operates various programs targeting community violence through different agencies and organizations. Introducing a new grant program could lead to overlapping efforts and administrative inefficiencies, diverting resources from existing, potentially more effective initiatives.

Lack of Direct Law Enforcement Involvement:

SB1015 explicitly excludes law enforcement entities from eligibility for grants. Critics may argue that effective community violence reduction requires collaboration between community organizations and law enforcement. By sidelining law enforcement, the bill might miss opportunities for comprehensive strategies that combine community engagement with policing efforts.

Uncertain Efficacy of Funded Programs:

The bill emphasizes funding for “evidence-informed” services but does not clearly define the criteria for what constitutes sufficient evidence. This ambiguity could result in grants being awarded to programs without a proven track record, leading to ineffective use of public funds. I strongly oppose this bill.