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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4106

To the Chair and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Allison Hisey, I am a resident of South Salem and I am here to testify in opposition to HB 4106

Simply reading the catchline and summary of this bill made me sick to my stomach.

I am beyond disappointed. I am horrified.

This bill tells me that you care more about protecting the people who are already sporting firearms, tasers, handcuffs, and wearing bullet proof vests, instead of protecting our most vulnerable populations. For example, disabled people have been murdered by police because they were blind, deaf, or the officers were not trained in de-escalating mental illness crises.

This bill tells me you are not paying attention or are completely tone-deaf to current events. I am afraid this bill will only encourage excessive force.

I understand you need another tool in your toolbox, and I agree that our current system has gaps to be filled. If you want to protect individual civil rights, try taking the complex responsibility of caring for vulnerable individuals away from the police force, and hand it to people who can be successful. Involve those who are capable of managing these highly specific difficult situations.

As a citizen of Salem, I would not feel safer knowing our police officers would face no consequences for excessive force.

"Peace officers" absolutely should NOT be immune to criminal and civil liability for the use of restraints or physical force during the transportation of a person subject to involuntary treatment.