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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
DISTRICT 44



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

March 4, 2022

Timothy G. Sekerak  
Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol Building, H271  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on House Bill 4008-B

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I would like to register a vote explanation for my yes vote on House Bill 4008-B.

In the 2021 Legislative Session, the legislature passed House Bill 2928 which did not give enough clarity about when law enforcement could act to address dangerous situations according to some law enforcement agencies. This bill clarifies when using these methods and tools is appropriate. Police need to be able to respond to dangerous situations and target individual actors within crowds who are threatening the safety of others. This bill uses a stricter and more objective standard for when police may use chemical incapacitants and moves away from requiring police to declare a riot, which can have consequences for those in the vicinity who live there or own businesses due to insurance policy limitations. For these reasons, I voted in favor of House Bill 4008-B.

Sincerely,

State Representative Travis Nelson  
House District 44, North/NE Portland

