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Timothy G. Sekerak,
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building, H271
Salem, OR 97301
Re: Vote Explanation on HB 4203

Mr. Sekerak:

Recently I voted “aye” on House Bill 4203A, establishing that choke holds, including methods that restrict circulation, are a use of deadly physical force. I believe that our police officers need tools to be able to enforce our laws, but that there should be accountability for how and when such measures are used.

While I support the policy in this bill and voted in support, I do not support the ‘whereas’ statements that were included in this bill. I do not think a bill is that appropriate place to make these statements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Leif". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Leif".

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