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Lori Brocker
Secretary of the Oregon State Senate
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Vote Explanation HB 4208

June 26, 2020

Dear Secretary Brocker,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a vote explanation for the record.

I have submitted this vote explanation for the following bills: HB 4201, HB 4203, HB 4205, HB 4207, HB 4208, and SB 1604. While I support the legislature addressing Oregon's law enforcement practices and accountability policies, I believe these bills are only a starting point.

I ask the legislature to engage with Oregon's communities of color to identify and address the racism and inequities within our law enforcement policies, procedures, and statues. In addition, communities of color must be included as we seek to change and create new accountability standards for all levels of law enforcement. As part of these discussions, I ask the legislature to consider a broader and more creative set of solutions that are just, equitable, and will support and prioritize the health and safety of communities across Oregon.

We have a responsibility to Oregonians to seriously consider the impact that our law enforcement policies have in our communities, and an opportunity to make real and lasting change. We cannot achieve either unless we create a more inclusive process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Taylor".

Kathleen Taylor
State Senator, Senate District 21