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I support investment in public safety, particularly hiring new officers for Portland Police Bureau. The PPB is very understaffed and our city is increasingly dangerous as a result. Re-hiring retired officers is a minuscule step in the right direction. There needs to be investment in the system that trains new officers. The current training capacity is too small to get us caught up in a timely manner.

I support a request for State Police to support the PPB until we have at least another 100 officers added to the force.

Current officers are over-worked and the excessive over-time means our officers are tired and not able to perform their best in a very dangerous job. The staffing issue is *critical*. Creative solutions must be sought to make a difference NOW in this emergency.

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