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## Sample written testimony/email to committee members

Hi, my name is <\_\_\_> and I am a <constituent/resident> from <Legislative District> <zip code>.

- **Across the county, especially after the murder of George Floyd, we have seen the largest civil rights movement since the days of MLK. But the police violence against civilians and especially against Black, Brown, and Indigenous civilians has not just taken place across the country but here in Washington state.**
- **Unfortunately, despite the passage of I-940 we continue to see instances of unnecessary force and civilian death. We have seen over 100 civilian deaths by police since its passage.**
- **Research has shown that there is no correlation between the number of police killings and crime rates. They are independent factors.**
- **Police departments that have restrictive use of force policies have been associated with not only few civilian deaths but fewer officer assaults and death as well.**
- **HB1310 Would mandate the use of de-escalation, clarify when officers receive de-escalation training, and further define what is excessive force.**
- **Most importantly, HB1310 explicitly states that deadly force is justifiable only if necessary to protect another from imminent threat. Deadly force should only be used as a last resort after all other options have been exhausted. De-escalation can save lives.**
- **Your personal reason (always best option)**

**Please pass this bill out of committee so that we can start the important work of establishing effective policing policy, saving civilian lives, and restoring public trust.**