

**The following is a transcript from Dave's testimony urging the Keizer City Council to vote "No" on upcoming ballot measure 105, which they did 6-1 on October 01, 2018.**

Our government was founded on the principle of federalism.

This is a system by which there are powers shared and separate between a national government and the regional governments. Shared Powers such as Taxation and spending of money. And separate powers such as National Defense is provided by the federal government, while there are reserved powers to the states. These are reserved powers are education, Health and Welfare, and local law enforcement.

The national government provides defense from foreign powers and the protection of our borders likewise our states provide education and enforcement of local laws such as traffic, theft, burglary, rape, and murder. These things are not enforced through the federal government. The problem with proposition 105 in this matter is that our local law enforcement for our communities becomes part of federal enforcement. Resources that could be dedicated to our communities will become part of the federal enforcement.

I highly doubt that the founders of this country envisioned state and local communities subsidizing the federal government. It is strange that those that argue for limited government and constitutionalism are ignoring this factor. Also, local law enforcement works best when there is a trust between enforcement and the people who live in that community. By instituting a threat of arrest to someone who is a victim of a crime makes that person not only distrustful of the community police and therefore makes them less likely to report any crime. It maintains victimization. People who are victims should be able to receive Justice from our police and our courts. They deserve this basic human dignity.

Measure 105 removes that dignity. The history of human dignity in our country has not been a perfect one. From chattel slavery to women's voting rights it has been a history of overcoming these issues and call for inclusive human dignity. There is one thing that we can learn from our country's history. That those who have denied human dignity two others have been assigned to the trash heap of History.

Lincoln said we should, "listen to the better angels of our nature". I urge all to listen to their better angels and put 105 in the trash.