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The Loren Miller Bar Association Endorses De-Escalate Washington's Initiative 940.

SEATTLE, WA -- The Loren Miller Bar Association has voted to endorse De-Escalate Washington's Initiative 940.

Based upon recent events and tensions between our law enforcement departments and our communities, and in acknowledgment of the long history of similarly rooted strains, the Loren Miller Bar Association has voted to endorse De-Escalate Washington's Initiative 940. In light of these repeated events and tensions, this initiative requires that officers receive an increase in training that focuses on de-escalation, mental health, and first aid. The initiative also broadens Washington's deadly use-of-force law, which currently does not realistically allow for the criminal prosecution of police officers who may violate it.

Although Initiative 940 is not perfect, our organization, our communities, and our nation can no longer stand idle while people's lives are continually put at risk in instances of the excessive use of force by members of our police department. Initiative 940 is a grassroots initiative that is just the first step in many that the Loren Miller Bar Association hopes will bring peace and safety to our communities.

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