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I'm deeply troubled by the proposal to remove checks and balances on the surveillance of citizens who have a constitutional right to privacy and to due process. We the citizens are meant to be served and protected -- we are your employers, not your targets -- and that means law enforcement should be the first to speak out to protect our rights and our privacy, not the first to propose violating it. It's disturbing to think that I could be recorded whenever I step out of my door, without even a warrant or court order being signed to justify it. Furthermore, I want to know how law enforcement propose to ensure that this increase in drone surveillance would not be disproportionately deployed in low-income and non-white neighborhoods. I am deeply concerned that this is a step towards the kind of over-policing that leads to things like stop and frisk in New York, and that has no place here in Oregon. This proposal is an invasion of everyone's right to live life without fear of unwarranted surveillance. If you can't get a judge to sign off on it, then you have no business doing it.