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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB238

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen & Wallan, and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Please do not pass SB 238 out of committee. I do not want police surveilling me with drones without a warrant. Do you?

There are situations in which drone surveillance would be appropriate and helpful, for example in search & rescue and in situations of imminent criminal danger, and even when it isn't possible to get a judge's warrant, in an emergency. My opposition to this bill is due to privacy and Constitutional concerns. And I am also concerned about immigration and discrimination issues. Senators may think the bill as amended ensures that drones will not be wrongly used, but I say it is too vague, and lacks oversight.

Our current federal government is punishing individuals for free speech and for support of political viewpoints that they disagree with. This is dangerous, and Oregon needs to be extra careful!

Oregon already has both rules and oversight regarding law enforcement's use of drone surveillance to provide public safety, requiring warrants but allowing for appropriate emergency exceptions. I actually see no need for SB 238. Vote NO.