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Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB238

I strongly urge you to vote no on SB 238. This legislation is extremely dangerous and concerning, especially at a time when our civil liberties are being eroded and law enforcement is increasingly being deployed without due process to repress free speech and assembly. Enabling the state to deploy unlimited quantities of drones, without a court warrant, would greatly increase the risks to Oregonians. We are now seeing how fragile and how critical the checks and balances in our government are, and it is imperative that here in Oregon we do all we can to uphold the separation of powers, especially the power of the courts. We must roundly reject this effort to go around the courts by eliminating the requirement for a warrant for police use of drones.

I do not want to live in an Oregon where drones circle our neighborhoods, monitoring our gatherings and daily activities. I call upon our leaders in Oregon to stand up for our rights, protect our privacy, and reject surveillance of our people.