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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB238

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Isabela and I live in Portland. I am deeply concerned about SB 238A, which would undermine our fundamental rights by drastically expanding law enforcement's ability to surveil our communities with drones, without court oversight.

As lawmakers, I strongly ask you to reconsider how this will impact everyday Oregonians, and our right to privacy and free speech. The bill as written gives police a blank check to surveil our communities without reason or recourse. SB 238A would enable law enforcement to deploy drones for monitoring protests, gatherings, or everyday life in our communities with no judicial accountability.

This kind of surveillance should be unacceptable, and it would take our state in a very worrying direction. So many marginalized community members, including immigrants, refugees, those seeking healthcare, and many others are already concerned about the threats that Trump's administration poses to our fundamental rights. SB 238 would exacerbate and enable police to use drone data with federal authorities.

Unchecked surveillance is incredibly dangerous, and has no place in our democracy. Please protect Oregonians civil rights by rejecting SB 238A.

Thank you for your time.
Isabela