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On Behalf Of:

All Oregonians

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

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

SB 238 proposes to expand the use of unmanned aircraft systems by law enforcement agencies without warrants and review, in ill-defined situations.

There has been no evidence that current law is insufficient as it allows surveillance in exigent circumstances. This bill is unnecessary and threatens to undermine privacy rights.

Allowing law enforcement unlimited surveillance is unconstitutional. By removing the need for judicial review of a probable cause affidavit before a warrant can be issued for drone use, SB238A would allow law enforcement to violate the Fourth Amendment rights of all Oregonians to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. Please vote no on SB 238.

This law would open law enforcement to endless litigation and cost taxpayers.

Thank you for your careful consideration, again please vote no on SB238A and vote yes for judicial oversight.