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Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallen, members of the Committee, for the record my name is Stephen T. Example. I'm a retired doctor, and I live in Faketown, Oregon.

Masked law enforcement agents, often with no identification, make it difficult for the public to know who is in our neighborhoods, what they are doing, and whether their actions are lawful. It is difficult for the public to know if masked operatives are actual government agents or impersonators resulting in increased fear among our communities. I believe accountability and visibility for all law enforcement across Oregon is needed now more than ever.

HB 4138 strengthens public trust by ensuring that all law enforcement actions in Oregon are more transparent, visible, and accountable. LEAVA will require ALL law enforcement officers operating in Oregon to visibly identify themselves, who they work for, and to unmask. It will also build a firewall between state/local public employees and the federal government to protect our civil rights and liberties, including our due process rights. That's why I support HB 4138.

Thanks so much for your time.

Emily Barton