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On Behalf Of:

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HB4138

Co-chairs Kropf and Chotzen, members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 4138. I have lived in Eugene since 1997 and am horrified by Federal Immigration Agents' masked violence and overreach in our precious Oregon.

I support this bill because prohibiting facial coverings ensures that officers are identifiable, fostering trust and reducing concerns about anonymity in law enforcement actions. As a retired marriage and family therapist, I know that seeing the face of another person gives us much information. Masking increases anxiety and vulnerability in those who encounter a masked agent, and combined with abrupt and violent actions of ICE, induces fight/flight/freeze responses.

Please help keep us safe by supporting HB 4138. Our lives and our neighbors' lives may depend on it.

Sincerely, Deborah Gibson