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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4114

Testimony Opposing HB 4114

Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Janet, and I am writing today in strong opposition to HB 4114.

This bill is being framed as a matter of local control, but its actual impact is far more serious. HB 4114 attempts to regulate federal law enforcement in ways that raise significant concerns under the U.S. Constitution — particularly the Supremacy Clause, the Elections Clause, and the 14th Amendment — as well as federal statutes governing federal operations and interagency cooperation. Oregon does not have the authority to obstruct or penalize federal agents acting within their lawful jurisdiction, and HB 4114 pushes directly into that territory.

The core objectives of this bill are deeply problematic:

- Creating new civil liability for federal agents and out-of-state officers is an overreach that conflicts with established federal protections and invites costly litigation the state cannot defend.
- Mandatory notice requirements — 48 hours for planned operations and 2 hours for emergencies — interfere with federal authority and could compromise active investigations, public safety, and time-sensitive enforcement actions.
- Identification mandates for federal agents exceed state authority and risk exposing officers to operational and personal security threats.
- Restrictions on cooperation between Oregon law enforcement and outside agencies undermine public safety and violate long-standing federal-state coordination frameworks.

These provisions do not strengthen accountability — they obstruct lawful enforcement, create constitutional conflicts, and put Oregon agencies in an impossible position.

It's time for Oregon to stop passing laws that conflict with federal standards and constitutional protections. We deserve legislation that reinforces accountability and respects the rule of law, not bills that put the state on the wrong side of it.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject HB 4114 and instead pursue policies that enhance transparency, uphold constitutional principles, and support effective cooperation between all levels of law enforcement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.