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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: 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 nearly 30 years 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. 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,
Rick Varnum