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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4114

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee,
My name is Cynthia Branger Muñoz and I write in strong support of HB 4114 with the amendment.

The Fourth Amendment protects all of us from government agents forcing into our homes without proper judicial oversight. Recent investigations revealed federal agents claiming power to ram through doors with only administrative warrants, not warrants signed by judges. This violates constitutional protections that have existed for decades.

The distinction matters: administrative warrants authorize arrests in public places. Judicial warrants authorize forced home entry. HB 4114 protects this critical constitutional boundary and creates accountability when agents exceed their authority.

This protection is especially important for vulnerable spaces like churches, schools, and hospitals, where people seek sanctuary, education, and healing. It matters for vulnerable people including children, the elderly, and those with disabilities who are present when these violations occur. These spaces and people deserve enhanced protection when government agents exceed constitutional authority.

Right now, victims have no remedy when their Fourth Amendment rights are violated this way. Federal law doesn't provide one. HB 4114 fills that accountability gap.

Agents who follow the Constitution and obtain proper judicial warrants have nothing to fear. This only creates consequences for constitutional violations.

No one should be above the law, especially those being paid with our tax dollars.

The Constitution is the law of the land. As Oregonians face attacks on our constitutional protections, our leaders must do everything in their power to strengthen constituents' rights. HB 4114 does exactly that. It provides real accountability and real remedies when those protections are violated.

I urge the committee to vote yes on HB 4114.