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Indivisible Forest Grove members are appalled by the actions of ICE and CBP that ignore or violate the requirement of a judicial warrant that is signed by a judge when they invade a private space in a home, business or school.

We are also appalled by ICE and CBP agents bearing no visible identification, and offering none when requested to produce it. Lately there are reports that they are impersonating utility workers, mutual aid volunteers, and others in order to gain access and trust from the people they are targeting.

These actions are tearing apart our communities, as our valued immigrant community members are going into hiding, based on very credible fears of abductions, lawlessness, perfidy and violence by federal agents. These actions do indeed create an emergency.

Our state law enforcement agents should be aware of so-called immigration enforcement actions ahead of time, so that they can respond in a timely manner when called to observe and document abuses when they occur. We demand that, with very specific and very limited exceptions, law enforcement agents at every level be required to carry and display official identification of their agency, name and badge number. We are horrified by home and business invasions without a judicial warrant, which violate the US Constitution's 4th Amendment protections.

Therefore, we are strongly in support of House Bill 4114.

Sincerely,

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