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Indivisible Forest Grove members are appalled by ICE and CBP agents bearing no visible identification, and offering none when requested to produce it. There are reports of rapes and human human trafficking being carried out by people with no association with these agencies, who take advantage of this lack of identification to impersonate these agents. Lately there are reports that CBP and ICE agents themselves are impersonating utility workers, mutual aid volunteers, and others in order to gain access and trust from the people they are targeting. These are not legitimate undercover operations but simply lies.

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.

We demand that, with very specific and very limited exceptions, state and federal law enforcement agents at every level be required to carry and display official identification of their agency, name and badge number.

Therefore, we are strongly in support of House Bill 4138.

Sincerely,

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