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I support Oregon limiting law enforcement, including officers of federal agencies from wearing face coverings or other items that limit the public's ability to identify the person taking action on behalf of a government agency. I also agree that officers must accurately represent what agency they are from.

Personally I would like to see them required to wear name tags and badge numbers to provide for easy identification and tracking. Currently we are seeing ICE and CBP come into communities, refuse to identify themselves and wear costumes with vests reading "police" or other agencies they aren't actually representing. They also wear masks making them hard to recognize. This lack of identification leads to a lack of accountability. It is also only a matter of time before some enterprising person uses these tactics to abduct people or cause harm to others.

I urge you to vote for increased accountability and transparency for our community