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On Behalf Of:
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Co-chair Kropf and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 4138. Over the last year I have become increasingly dismayed by the overreach and aggressive tactics of federal immigration officials both here in Oregon and elsewhere, most notably in Chicago and Minneapolis.

HB 4138 attempts to make federal agents more accountable and their actions more transparent. The current situation where agents are masked and do not have any identifying information on their uniforms is unacceptable to me as a citizen. While so far I have had no direct contact with masked agents, I imagine that seeing anonymous, unidentifiable officers aggressively targeting people on the streets must be terrifying. Such actions have no place in a free, democratic republic.

Would that more could be done to curtail the current federal abuses. I appreciate any legislation that will help make us, the people of Oregon, safer.

Thank you for reading my testimony in support of HB 4138. I strongly urge you to support it.

Sincerely,

John O'Donoghue