



OREGON STATE SENATE

Testimony in Support of HB 4114: Protect Your Door
House Committee On Judiciary, February 4, 2026

Good afternoon Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee.

For the record, my name is Senator Khanh Pham, and I am proud to be a chief sponsor of House Bill 4114, the Protect Your Door Act.

This bill is simple. Every person living in the United States is protected by the Bill of Rights in our Constitution, including the 4th Amendment which protects against unreasonable searches and seizures by the government. The founders recognized this as a fundamental right that all people living in a democracy are entitled to. They saw this as a necessary check on the potential abuses of the government, learning from their experiences as colonists under the British empire, and later applied to prohibit broad house searches targeting people who had left forced enslavement, and in more recent history, to protect against warrantless spying and violence from the FBI and ATF which has harmed individuals from all walks of life, all geographies, urban and rural, and all political backgrounds. The courts in every generation have affirmed this protection against federal overreach.

I am not a constitutional scholar, but I don't have to be, in order to understand that our state has a right under the Constitution to protect Oregonians from violations of the 4th Amendment. On a daily basis, members of our communities are subjected to these violations, warrantless entry into their homes, literally busting through doors, breaking car windows, dragging Oregonians onto the street and disappearing them into detention, without judicial warrants and without any signs or reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.

HB 4114 creates an avenue for all Oregonians whose 4th Amendment rights are violated by any law enforcement agency entering their property without proper judicial authority. Victims can sue individual agents, recover minimum damages plus actual costs, and get attorney fees paid.

I believe, and my constituents believe, that Oregon should be doing everything within our purview to protect our neighbors' Constitutional rights and defend our shared civil liberties as a cornerstone of our democracy. As legislators, we have an obligation to meet this demand. I urge your support for House Bill 4114.