

Chair Kropf, Vice Chair Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I work for Basic Rights Oregon and we support HB4114,

This bill creates a civil cause of action against federal law enforcement agents and law enforcement agents of another state in specified circumstances. It also requires federal law enforcement agents and law enforcement agents of another state to provide notice to the Department of Justice prior to conducting planned operations within this state. It is important that this bill also specifies identification requirements for federal law enforcement agents and law enforcement agents of another state conducting law enforcement operations within this state. Our state or local law enforcement agencies should not be coordinating with a federal law enforcement agency or a law enforcement agency of another state that does not provide notice as required, violates the identification requirements or targets a sensitive location without authorization.

For a very long time in our country, the law has made it clear federal employees can be held accountable when they act unlawfully. Federal employment does not give you immunity. Individuals should have the right to sue folks who violate their rights. Our communities are afraid and angry to see their rights violated. House Bill 4114 doesn't conflict with Federal law. It restores accountability and upholds our rights to not have our homes invaded without a warrant without a defined legally approve reason. In Oregon, we need to hold our states rights and ground and make sure our community sees how we will hold folks who violates their rights accountable.

In our country, no one, especially those who do not identify themselves, can enter your home without a signed warrant from a judge. Without the ability to identify the masked and armed individuals at peoples doors without warrants, our communities are terrified and deserve accountability and action by our legislature. Federal employees breaking car windows, pulling people from their homes into the streets and disappearing them into transportation around our country demands our action here in the state.

We urge your support of HB4114. Thank you for your consideration.