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My name is Kyle Dale Frederick. I am a 100% disabled Veteran and an Oregon resident. I submit this testimony in strong support of HB 4114.

As someone who fought to defend the Constitution of the United States, it feels like a gut punch — a betrayal — to see any policing or government official feel comfortable crossing constitutional limits, or even coming close to infringing on the rights of citizens. Those limits exist for a reason. They are not suggestions. They are the foundation of our democracy.

Part of the reason these violations continue is because some officials believe they are immune from consequences. That belief emboldens unilateral, split-second field decisions that lack appropriate consideration for accountability or recourse. When there is no meaningful consequence for violating constitutional rights, violations become more likely — not less.

I want to be clear: I support the need for police, and I appreciate what police officers do for our communities. Accountability is not anti-police. In fact, it protects good officers by reinforcing professional standards and public trust. No one should fear the police because officers have been told they are immune from the law.

Many people do not fully know their rights — and even fewer know how to assert them in high-stress situations. That is why it is the responsibility of our representatives and voters to ensure laws exist that protect people when they are most vulnerable, including when they cannot advocate for themselves.

My concerns are especially strong for disabled individuals, whether physically disabled, mentally disabled, or both. We are not always in the right mental or physical state to understand, articulate, or defend our rights — even in our own homes. A person's home should be the pinnacle of safety, not a place of fear or confusion.

It is unconscionable to suggest that we should accept — or silently tolerate — federal agents or any government officials violating constitutional protections in the one place that should always remain sacred: our homes.

HB 4114 does not create new rights. It restores accountability. It ensures that constitutional protections are real, enforceable, and meaningful. For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 4114.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
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