

**Feb 4 2026**

**Re: HB4138 Law Enforcement Visibility Act**

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

My name is Kathaleen B Parker, from Senate District 10 in South Salem, and I am supporting HB4138 the Law Enforcement Accountability & Visibility Act.

I refuse to vote for any appropriations bill for the Department of Homeland Security that fails to fully defund and rein in ICE. Over the first twelve months in the current administration, we have seen an escalating pattern of unchecked violence. This lawless agency is violently attacking and killing immigrants and citizens around the country, and we cannot fund state sanctioned violence.

Actions by federal agents—including the use of plainclothes, masks, and unmarked vehicles—have created profound fear and confusion in many communities. When residents cannot reliably distinguish law enforcement from private actors, it undermines public safety and destroys trust.

Key Clarifications on HB4138:

Identification & Masking: Mandates visible, unique identification (name/badge) and restricts masks for all law enforcement, including federal/out-of-state agents, with exceptions for undercover work or SWAT.

Federal Accountability: Protects Oregonians by preventing state/local resources from assisting federal actions that violate constitutional rights, such as free speech or due process.

Transparency & Enforcement: Requires public disclosure of joint task force agreements and enables legal action (lawsuits) against agencies violating these policies.

Timeline: Agencies have 180 days to publish these policies, allowing time for implementation.

HB4138 strengthens Oregon public trust and oversight by mandating clear officer identification, regulating facial coverings, and restricting local assistance in unconstitutional federal actions. It increases accountability through transparent joint-operation agreements and empowers individuals to seek legal redress, ensuring law enforcement visibility and compliance.

This legislation aims to make law enforcement, including federal agents, accountable to Oregon communities while ensuring they are identifiable.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kathaleen B Parker, Willamette Valley Oregon