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I support this legislation because I think that allowing law enforcement officers to mask and refuse to provide evidence that they are actually employed by ICE or any other federal agency, is an insanely dangerous. How can we expect citizens or residents of Oregon to open their car doors or the doors of their homes to someone who refuses to identify themselves? How do they know if these are law enforcement officers or criminals posing as law enforcement? In Salem we just saw a woman forced from her car after ICE agents in unmarked vehicles blocked her car in and shattered one of her car windows - only to find her USA passport in her purse proving that she is a citizen. The agents then drove away with no consequences for them, but leaving her daughter to transport her to the hospital for treatment of her injuries after she was thrown to the ground. Agents being allowed to shield their identities opens the door to these kind of violations because they know they will not be held accountable. We would never let our local police get away with hiding their identities. Why would we allow agents who arrive here from out of state do it?