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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4114

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support for the bill relating to law enforcement operations that creates a civil cause of action against federal law enforcement agents and law enforcement agents from other states in specified circumstances.

This legislation is an important step in affirming Oregon's authority to protect the civil rights and safety of people within its borders. By establishing clear accountability when law enforcement agents operate outside their jurisdiction or authority, this bill reinforces the principle that no individual or agency should be above the law.

Oregonians expect law enforcement activity within our state to be transparent, lawful, and accountable to the communities it impacts. When federal or out-of-state agents act without proper coordination, oversight, or legal grounding, it can erode public trust and create confusion around jurisdiction, responsibility, and remedies for harm. This bill provides a necessary and reasonable civil pathway for accountability while respecting the rule of law.

Importantly, this legislation does not hinder lawful cooperation between agencies. Instead, it sets clear boundaries and expectations that protect both residents and law enforcement professionals by clarifying consequences when those boundaries are crossed.

Declaring this measure an emergency underscores the urgency of ensuring that constitutional rights, state sovereignty, and community trust are upheld now—not later. I appreciate the Legislature's leadership in addressing this issue proactively.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to our state. I urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,
Tanya Macedo