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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4114
Honorable Co-chairs Kropf and Chotzen and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 4114, a bill that is shocking to even need to consider in our democracy. When I enlisted in the armed forces many years ago, it never occurred to me that "federal agents" would roam the streets of American cities and towns hunting down people of color to satisfy some sort of "power grab" by an extremist fringe of ideologues. That was an image reserved for Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. But there it is--poorly trained masked gunmen in combat gear without identification ordering people to surrender their rights to due process, if the thugs say anything at all. I say again, this is shocking and deserves immediate redress in both the courts and Oregon's legislature. HB 4114 provides the minimum of professional decorum and respect that citizens and residents deserve. Please pass the bill post haste.

Thank you.
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