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?Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to write you concerning HB 4138. It has been a requirement, up until this point in time, for officers of the state to wear, even ride in vehicles, that identify who they are. Uniforms are of a certain color with badges that help people or other police enforcement know who they are dealing with at a particular moment in time creating a more secure environment for both the populace and law officers. Suddenly we have been overwhelmed with ICE forces that often wear dark clothing with no identification, and also most often masks, to hide their identity. This is not reasonable. People need to know they are not being kidnapped by some random thugs on the street and these police need to abide by the same rules as all other law enforcement. Furthermore, identification will make identity of transgressors of the law held to account for their actions.

Please support this reasonable bill for uniforms and unmasking for ICE officers in Oregon. Thank you.