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On Behalf Of:
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To the House Committee On Judiciary,

As a resident of Oregon who will likely never have cause to interact with Federal and out of state agents or officers, I support this bill. The overwhelming amount of evidence that citizen and non-citizen rights are being violated on a daily basis compels me voice my support for stricter regulation of law enforcement activities in this state, specifically those carried out at the behest of an overreaching federal government.

I believe that any officers who violate the civil rights of those they pursue, should be held accountable for those violations. For those that would excuse the behavior of law enforcement because their task is difficult, I would point you to the words of President Kennedy, we choose to do these things "...not because they are easy, but because they are hard; because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one we intend to win...". The idea that meeting hard challenges brings out the best in people, in an organization, or a country lies at the heart of the idea of American exceptionalism. Violating the civil rights of a few to guarantee false safety for the many degrades it. It diminishes us all.

Accountability for all must be had or our nation will fall to the whims of tyrants. I encourage you to support and pass this bill, it's effects are long overdue.

Sincerely,

Ian Redding