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Testimony of Peter Bergel on HB 4079

Members of the Committee:

My name is Peter Bergel and I live in Salem. I am testifying on behalf of Oregon PeaceWorks.

In a time when federal “law enforcement,” or people who are dressed as federal law officers, daily engage in illegal acts and violate the privacy and persons of our fellow Oregonians, we look to our elected state officials to provide what protection they can.

This bill seeks to provide what protections are possible, considering the Supremacy Clause of the US Constitution, to school children and college students.

As we have seen in other states, agents of the federal government have entered schools to terrorize the students and staff and – in some cases – illegally seize them. This cannot be allowed to occur in Oregon without response from state government.

HB 4079 is such a response. For this reason, I urge the Committee to swiftly send it to the Senate floor with a Do Pass recommendation. The people of Oregon - particularly those most at risk from the thuggish behavior of federal agents, both in state and elsewhere – call upon you to do no less.

Thank you.