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Members of the Committee:

My name is Peter Bergel and I live in Salem. I am here representing Oregon PeaceWorks.

Because the federal government has taken upon itself the authority to illegally harass, injure and even kill residents of this country, due to their immigration status, including a majority who are legal residents, it is incumbent upon the Legislature to provide what protection it can to those at risk.

In order to provide accountability in these cases, it is essential that members of the public be able to identify those who purport to be legitimate law enforcement personnel. I say "purport" because without identification, there is no way to tell whether the individual actually IS a legitimate member of a law enforcement agency. This identification must include the body which such personnel claim to represent as well as their personal names or badge numbers. Members of the public must be able to access this information readily so they can take legal action against those who misuse their authority.

That is what HB 4138 A seeks to accomplish and for this reason, I urge this Committee to swiftly move HB 4138 A to the Senate floor with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Thank you.