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I support HB 4138 because Federal agents are wearing various clothing, equipment, and masks. The public should be able to identify whether agents are Federal agents or random people trying to harm and kidnap people off the street and from their cars.

Second, Federal agents should be accountable for their actions. We have seen and read about countless incidences of civil rights violations and excessive force. Federal agents have tear gassed and sprayed pepper balls at non-violent demonstrators as they did in Portland last week. Shockingly, they shot and killed two citizens in Minneapolis. Many others have been injured and died in detention, where conditions are inhumane and Congressional oversight is thwarted.

Federal agents should work within the law. They are using masks to hide their identity while breaking laws. They are racial profiling, and detaining legal residents. They are separating children from their parents and using children as bait. Entering the country illegally is a civil violation. Yet, dehumanizing tactics have resulted in the cruel and brutal treatment of our neighbors of color and people exercising first amendment rights.