

Submitter: Frederic Merchant
On Behalf Of: Vote Yes On HB 4138
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4138

"As your constituent, I am writing in strong support of HB 4138-A, the Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA).

I believe I have a right to know who is on our streets, claiming to be law enforcement and targeting our friends, family, and neighbors. No law enforcement should be operating with masks and without identification in our state.

The Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA), as amended, addresses the important public safety issue of masked and unidentifiable law enforcement. This bill also includes free speech and discrimination protections by prohibiting Oregon state and local government employees from cooperating with federal attacks on free speech or lawfully-protected groups.

Please vote "Yes" on HB 4138-A and get it passed out of the Senate Rules Committee — and by doing so help protect our communities, safeguard our civil rights and liberties, and strengthen public safety and our democracy.

At a time when unprecedented numbers of law enforcement agents are harassing and terrorizing people and communities across our state and country, accountability and visibility for all law enforcement across Oregon are needed more than ever.

Please defend our friends, family, and neighbors! Vote YES on LEAVA!"