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To: Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

From: State Senator James I. Manning, Jr., Senate District 7

Date: February 7, 2023

Subject: HB 2572

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is James I. Manning, Jr., and I am the Senator for District 7. I am writing in support of House Bill 2572, a measure I believe is critical to protecting Oregon from violent extremists who seek to inspire the kind of fear in civic participation—participation upon which our democracy relies.

When I joined the United States Army, I took the Oath of Enlistment and solemnly swore that I would support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Although my time in the military has ended, my dedication to those words remains. House Bill 2572 provides exactly the kind of clear-eyed guidance and procedure we need here in Oregon to successfully accomplish the mission laid out in that oath.

Our great state is wealthy in diversity of perspective and opinion. Political violence robs us of that wealth by silencing voices, instilling fear, and disrupting community. Let us protect our home. Colleagues, I urge your support on House Bill 2572, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator James I. Manning, Jr.
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