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I am concerned about the harm that could come from expanding the framework during a time when Trump is calling anything he disagrees with terrorism. We should be protecting the people in their resistance and not making it easier to jail American citizens for using their constitutional right to protest in a variety of ways.

Our state should be a national model in protecting democracy, speech, and protest. However, when state lawmakers passed HB 2772, the underlying domestic terrorism law in 2023, Oregon alarmingly went in the wrong direction.

I stand with the ACLU, NAACP and more in requesting that, at the very least, state lawmakers amend the underlying domestic terrorism bill to make clear that it does not penalize or criminalize constitutionally protected activities including free speech and protest.

I oppose HB 2851.