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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2851

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee,

I have serious concerns regarding House Bill 2851 and the -1 Amendment. I oppose this bill.

These so-called terrorism laws are ripe for abuse during a time when terrorism rhetoric is actively being used to polarize our nation. It is also unnecessary because we already have criminal laws that sanction harm to property.

Oregon should be a national model in protecting democracy, speech, and protest. I request that, in 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.