

Submitter: Leaf Leau

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2851

To the Chair and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Leaf Leau and I am from Milwaukie, Oregon. I strongly oppose HB 2851, which would expand the definition of "critical infrastructure" to include communication facilities in relation to domestic terrorism charges.

Now more than ever, we are seeing dangerously vague and broad use of legislative language to allow the weaponization of laws against ordinary citizens. As a peaceful protester, I am deeply concerned for the potential for abuse of this bill. In our current political climate, we have seen elected officials demonstrate a willingness to criminalize dissent and propagate misinformation to justify oppressive force against legitimate civic engagement.

That is why I urge you to vote NO on HB 2851.

In our democracy, there is a critical balance to be struck between protecting our infrastructure and our fundamental right to free expression and assembly. This bill fails both tremendously. It is imperative that we scrutinize the language used, that we demand precision in laws that carry such severe consequences as terrorism charges. The debate of our civil liberties cannot be guised.

Vote NO on HB 2851.

Respectfully,  
Leaf Leau