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During this time when the language of terrorism is being used to destroy American democracy, Oregon should be rolling back and not expanding so-called terrorism laws. These laws are ripe for abuse and unnecessary because we already have criminal laws that sanction harm to property.

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. Our members and supporters agreed – they sent more than 15,000 messages to state lawmakers opposing HB 2772.

Federal, state, and local governments have a well-documented, very-long history of invoking terrorism and related laws to surveil and target Black and brown communities and silence those who engage in political dissent – including racial and environmental justice activists.

Currently, we are seeing Trump weaponizing terrorism laws and language to silence dissent and destroy American democracy.

Let's keep
oregon a state where Democracy is alive and well