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I oppose House Bill 2851!

There is an alarming trend of the government labeling any group or individual as a "terrorist" to silence those who engage in political dissent – including racial and environmental justice activists.

This week we watched the State department arrest and detain Mahmoud Khalil, Palestinian Columbia University student. He is a permanent, green card holding resident who used his first amendment rights to organize and advocate for justice for Palestine. This is totally illegal, but the president and Marco Rubio are using the cover of "terrorism" to legitimize it.

Next, he's going to say that people who protest Tesla are terrorists because Elon's stock is tanking.

We're all going to be "terrorists" if we're not in his death cult.

Please do not perpetuate this "terrorism" trope in our state government, we need every protection that Oregon can offer in this deeply alarming time.

Say no to HB 2851! Thank you!