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We must repeal this bill entirely, rather than expand its powers. We are witnessing how the current administration is increasing surveillance to suppress free speech and our right to protest, while failing to protect people. Expanding this bill will only create criminals, not catch more. It will be used to further criminalize marginalized Oregonians, and those the current administration see as unworthy of their rights. Oregon should be working to counteract these actions, not further extend this extreme violation of our constitutional and human rights. We know what happens when a state expands its domestic terrorism, Georgia has done this and they further targeted environmentalists and anti-racist activists. These laws have led to the arrests of activists on domestic terrorist charges who weren't alleged to have done anything other than trespassing. This will only further allow law enforcement abuse on populations in Oregon that are using their first amendment rights to beg for functional democracy. I urge you to oppose this bill, and to seek its repeal.