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This bill should be repealed not expanded. The potential for abuse by law enforcement is too significant to ignore, and the implications for Oregonians' First Amendment rights are deeply disturbing .

Right now we are seeing our right to protest and free speech threatened on all fronts. If HB 2851 passes it would be both redundant and vague enough to all but ensure misuse, harsh penalties for nonviolent offenders, and excessive force. It would set yet another frightening precedent attempting to redefine existing laws to quell political dissent and protest.