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I oppose this administrations' intentional attempts to 'redefine' the word 'terrorism' to further suppress, target and harass those who speak out for human rights, while continuing to champion and pardon legitimate domestic terrorists and white supremacists.

Last Saturday, the federal administration had ICE detain Mahmoud Khalil, a green card holder and Columbia University student. On Tuesday, the White House said that Khalil distributed pro-Hamas flyers on Columbia's campus. This week, the federal administration also threatened to expand domestic terrorism laws by considering vandalism against cars as terrorism.

I believe 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.