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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2851

This bill expands a definition of domestic terrorism that is already overly-broad and can be easily weaponized against civilians exercising their rights to peaceful assembly. The State of Oregon should not be expanding 2023's HB 2772, but instead repealing it. In the words of the Oregon chapter of the ACLU, HB 2772, "[does] little to make Oregonians safer, and [risks] heavy-handed government application that chills legitimate speech and stifles lawful protest activity." Acts of sabotage and violence were already illegal before HB2772. I urge the Committee to vote no on HB 2851, an unnecessary expansion to an unnecessary law.