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This is an expansion of HB 2772, which must be repealed entirely, rather than expand its powers. HB 2772 is a dangerous bill that could be misused against climate and racial justice activists, and we have to look no further that similar bills in Georgia they did just that.

We are witnessing how the current administration is increasing surveillance to suppress free speech and our right to protest, while failing to protect people. At a time when protesting is going to be such a powerful and useful tool to fight the strong wave of fascism that our country is current undergoing, we should not pass MORE bills or extensions to target citizens that try to fight it. We should be strengthen our rights and protections for protestors, not finding ways to chip their rights away.

Oregon should be working to counteract these actions, not further extend this extreme violation of our constitutional and human rights. If human rights experts are sounding the call at this bill or extensions of it, then my elected officials should be too. My elected officials should always be aligned with human rights and our constitutional rights, especially at this particular moment in time when both are gravely threatened by this administration.