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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2851

I urge the committee to reject HB 2851 which needlessly expands the definition of terrorism. This is not the way to keep our infrastructure and communities safe. We keep our communities safe through dialogue and civic discourse. Sadly, that is not the trend we see in the rest of the country, but Oregon still has a chance of maintaining.

I ask lawmakers to vote no on HB 2851 as it is part of a disturbing trend of broadening the definition of terrorism which will do more harm than the good it intends. There are already criminal charges to hold any perpetrator accountable for destroying public or private infrastructure; labeling it as domestic terrorism feeds into a political frame that keeps people afraid and divided. Please vote no and thank you for considering this testimony.