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During this time when the language of terrorism is being used to destroy American democracy, 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.

Federal, state, and local governments have a well-documented, very-long history of invoking terrorism and related laws to surveil and target Black and brown communities and silence those who engage in political dissent - including racial and environmental justice activists.

We refuse 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.