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We must repeal this bill entirely, rather than expand its powers. We are witnessing how the current administration is increasing surveillance to suppress free speech and our right to protest, while failing to protect people. Oregon should be working to counteract these actions, not further extend this extreme violation of our constitutional and human rights.

This bill is overreach to make things that are already illegal, more harsh to stifle the people in Oregon. Laws like this will always disproportionately harm black and brown communities the most.

This bill is far too broad by definition, including public spaces like a road, trail, or bridge to be considered as defensible infrastructure. What this really does is attempts to silence free speech and threaten our ability to freely protest which is our constitutional right. Under the current president, we are seeing environmental protections being rolled back to an alarming level, and everyday people want to defend their rights to clean air, soil, and water that ensures the health of all beings on this planet equally.