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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1191

I'd like to thank Senator Manning for bringing this important bill to the legislature this year.

It's really shocking to see even a few people writing in opposition to a bill that would merely ensure that Oregon won't arrest its citizens for simply SPEAKING to inform another person of their constitutional rights. To understand why we need to pass SB 1191, all one has to do is read the anti-democratic and extremist testimony opposing this bill. Our Constitution guarantees EVERYONE due process, whether or not they are citizens, whether or not they have committed a crime. If we could rely on our federal government to make sure those constitutional rights are protected, this bill might not be necessary. However....

At a time when we KNOW people are being denied due process before deportation, when American citizens are being terrorized by illegal searches resulting from careless errors by weaponized federal agencies, when we have a president who truly believes he is above the law, we must not criminalize the simple act of informing our friends and neighbors of their constitutional rights.

Please do the right thing. Please vote YES for SB 1191.

Thank you.

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