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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB238

My name is Ryan Burks, and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I'm writing to strongly support Senate Bill 238.

I've seen how drones can help find missing people, safely check dangerous situations, support other public safety organizations such as fire departments, and keep our communities safer. But current state laws on unmanned aircraft systems often make it hard to use drones quickly or effectively in these cases.

SB 238 proposes practical updates to these outdated rules, while still ensuring proper oversight and transparency. These changes will make our communities safer and help save lives across Oregon.

I respectfully ask the committee to support this bill and allow Oregonians to benefit from responsible, life-saving drone technology.

Why this matters:

Current law restricts how and when drones can be used in public safety scenarios, even when they're the safest and most efficient option. SB 238 helps fix that, while keeping transparency and oversight. As a member of a volunteer Search and Rescue team being able to quickly and effectively use drones for search's has a huge impact on having a positive outcome for the community we serve. Everyday I see articles from various news outlets where not only Law Enforcement but SAR teams and Fire Departments are using Drone Technology to maximize their effectiveness and save resources.

Please consider supporting this bill as you vote.

Thank you

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