

Testimony Opposing SB 238A

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I strongly urge you to vote **NO** on SB 238A.

This bill would allow police to use surveillance drones without a warrant in situations that are vaguely defined, such as anytime someone calls 911 or an officer claims a threat to safety or property. That kind of broad language creates dangerous loopholes.

Unchecked surveillance powers are often used against the very people our democracy is supposed to protect: protesters, journalists, community organizers, and already over-policed neighborhoods. Giving police the ability to conduct aerial surveillance without a judge's approval undermines the Fourth Amendment and invites abuse.

Oregonians deserve meaningful privacy protections. If there is truly a need for drone surveillance, law enforcement should go through the proper channels and get a warrant. That's how we preserve public trust and protect constitutional rights.

Please reject SB 238A and stand up for civil liberties.

Thank you.

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