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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

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SB238

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee,  
My name is David Huey. I serve as a deputy sheriff at the Washington County Sheriff's Office in Oregon. I am an assistant team leader for our Remotely Operated Vehicle Team (ROVT), commonly called our drone team. I'm writing in strong support of Senate Bill 238.

Our agency operates a drone program that helps us locate missing persons, assess dangerous situations from a safe distance, and protect the public and our officers. Better information leads to better decision-making.

Unfortunately, the current state laws regarding unmanned aircraft systems often limit our ability to respond quickly or efficiently in these scenarios.

SB 238 offers common-sense updates to modernize these outdated restrictions while maintaining appropriate oversight and transparency. These changes will directly improve public safety outcomes across the state. I cannot emphasize this enough.

I respectfully urge the committee to support this bill and help Oregon's public safety agencies continue using drone technology in responsible, life-saving ways.

Thank you for your time and consideration.