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SB238

Hello everyone, my name is Grey. I'm here to testify in opposition of SB-238. I'll keep it short, we do not need drones, we need funding for schools. We do not need more state surveillance, we need funding to help our houseless community, our environment, our libraries, our veterans and artists, our disabled community, our children and our elders.

On both a federal level and a state level, budgets for policing are already sky high. Obscenely high. We do not need any more of our country's wealth to be spent on new toys for cops.

Increasing state surveillance is a part of the fascist handbook, which Donald Trump is following to a tee. Have you played the "who said it" game with Trump and Hitler quotes? Indistinguishable. If you're paying attention, you understand that this is how serious it is, the man is not well. It is the worst time to put more money into policing, that's just putting more power in his hands.

The result of this bill passing could mean putting people's lives in danger in the future, which may sounds dramatic to some of you, but we truly don't know how far Trump is willing to go to stop us from protesting, to hinder our collective freedom of speech with scare tactics and doxxing (which many protesters already face, and which judges are also facing for standing up to Trump). More police equipment is unnecessary and dangerous should the data fall into the wrong hands.

Let's make a stand, as a state, against Trump's goal of total control and authoritarianism, and instead, invest in our beautiful state and community. Please reject SB-238. Thank you for your time.