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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB238

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my concern and strong opposition to SB238. The addition of drones to the police toolkit will not make our communities safer. Rather, they will only increase the police violence Oregonians are subjected to. In Nebraska and New Jersey, drones have already been used to surveil protests. This infringes on our constitutional rights to privacy, protest, and our right to be assumed innocent until proven guilty. In this critical moment of increasing repression and police militarization, we must ensure Oregon does not follow suit with the federal government. Now is the time to take steps towards abolishing the police, not militarizing them. We've seen the damage the militarization does. It is currently deporting immigrants to prisons in El Salvador. It is forcing children to testify in court. It is apprehending college protesters who are simply trying to make their voices heard. Oregon senators, please do not succumb to the growing authoritarianism. Stand tall and stand against SB238.

Thank you.