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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB238

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition of SB238A. As an Oregonian, I value privacy, free speech, and the right to organize without fear of government intrusion and spying. This bill would undermine these fundamental rights by drastically expanding the ability of police and sheriffs to surveil our communities with drones — without court oversight. I do not believe that our privacy rights should be violated with warrantless surveillance.

SB 238A would greatly expand the use of drones by law enforcement in Oregon. This bill leaves it to police and sheriffs, not the courts, to make decisions about the use of these drones. This bill goes against the fundamental structure of our democracy, which relies on the courts to check unfettered authority and potential abuses of power by law enforcement. That is why Oregonians support the Fourth Amendment, requiring police and sheriffs to go to a court to get a warrant.

Protect our privacy. Oppose this bill.

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