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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB238

Here's a reworded version of your letter:

Dear Chair Kropf and Committee Members,

I write to express my strong opposition to SB 238A.

This bill would permit law enforcement to deploy multiple drones across various scenarios without obtaining a warrant. My primary concern is that SB 238A places the decision to infringe upon Oregonians' privacy solely with police and sheriff departments, allowing them to monitor lawful activities and daily life in our communities without judicial oversight.

History shows that surveillance powers without proper checks often result in misuse—including monitoring, intimidating, and suppressing legitimate dissent, particularly affecting protesters, activists, and already over-policed communities. Furthermore, the bill lacks protections preventing drone data from being shared with federal agencies. This information could potentially be used by the current administration to target vulnerable groups, including immigrants, refugees, individuals seeking reproductive or gender-affirming care, and those speaking against extremist policies.

In this period of increasing authoritarian tendencies, SB 238A represents precisely what Oregon residents do not need.