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

June 10, 2025
To House Rules Committee, Oregon State Legislature

Re: Senate Bill 238A

To whom it concerns,

I am writing to you today to request that you not approve or move SB238A any further through the legislature.

SB 238A is a poorly written bill that will not serve to protect the people of our state. Its plain language is broad and quite vague which would almost certainly allow misinterpretation and misuse.

Furthermore it appears to be in direct conflict with our fundamental rights to privacy, freedom of speech and assembly. The provisions allowing drone surveillance without judicial warrants would undermine our courts authority and power to check invasive and illegal deployment of drones on the public and our activities.

This bill does not answer basic questions of the need, transparency, and accountability.

To approve this bill would create mistrust for law enforcement, and opportunities for unlawful surveillance by other entities using the data to exploit Oregon residents for financial gain, or other forms of oppression, while providing undescribed benefits to the safety of the community.

Please do not support SB238A

Thank you for your consideration.

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