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Masked law enforcement agents, often with no identification, make it difficult for the public to know who is in our neighborhoods, what they are doing, and whether their actions are lawful. It is difficult for the public to know if masked operatives are actual government agents or impersonators.

Our communities are being terrorized by masked, armed, nameless, badgeless men roaming the streets and committing often illegal and unwarranted violence and kidnappings against our neighbors. So many of us live in fear of this faceless militia and anxiety at the lack of recourse we have in the event of an interaction with them, because there is no badge or name or face to follow up on. We cannot keep living in fear. All of our neighbors deserve to know who is knocking on the door of their home or workplace, and what their purpose there is. This is an obvious, basic right we should all have. Our taxes should not be going to unidentifiable masked men roaming the street, intimidating, hurting, and kidnapping neighbors, family, and friends, with literally no recourse for anyone to pursue.

LEAVA will also strengthen public trust in our government and law enforcement and will protect our communities in many ways. Accountability and visibility for all law enforcement across Oregon is needed now more than ever.

Please support LEAVA and vote for its passage.