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As your constituent, I believe I have a right to know who is on our streets, claiming to be law enforcement and harassing our friends, family and neighbors. No law enforcement should be operating with masks and without identification in our state.

The Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA) addresses the important public safety issue of masked law enforcement. This bill also protects Oregonians from potential federal law enforcement abuses by drawing clear lines between local/state and federal law enforcement activities and creating greater transparency when joint operations occur. It also includes free speech and discrimination protections by prohibiting Oregon state and local government employees from cooperating with federal attacks on free speech or lawfully-protected groups.

At a time when unprecedented numbers of law enforcement agents are harassing and terrorizing people and communities across our state and country, accountability and visibility for all law enforcement across Oregon are needed more than ever.

Please defend our friends, family, and neighbors! Vote YES on LEAVA!