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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR203

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

We strongly support and urge immediate passage of SJR 203.

If passed by the Senate and House, the proposed amendment to the Oregon Constitution would go before the voters in the November 2026 general election. The time has come for all of us to stand up for freedom and our democracy.

The amendment would ban the use of masks by law enforcement officers and would require law enforcement officers to wear uniforms with badge numbers. The amendment contains exceptions for undercover operations and SWAT teams.

We also support the pending amendment to the bill that adds a third exception so that an officer can wear a mask when “at risk of being exposed to smoke, an infectious disease or a biological hazard.”

We believe Oregonians deserve the right to vote on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Barbara Backstrand