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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Carol Van Strum, and I live in Tidewater, Oregon. I am writing to testify in strong support of Senate Joint Resolution 203, which if passed would propose a constitutional amendment to voters on whether there should be a constitutional amendment banning the use of masks by law enforcement officers and requiring them to wear uniforms with badge numbers. The practice of masking by law enforcement is not only dangerous to public safety but it erodes the trust of the citizens they are supposed to be protecting.

I live in a very rural area that has had problems for years with trespassers, especially poachers, damaging property, killing livestock, poaching elk, etc. so anyone not clearly identifying themselves as law enforcement is presumed to be a danger. It is terrifying to think of such intruders posing as law enforcement. For this reason I urge you to pass SJR 203 out of committee.