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We know that 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. That is why I am supporting the push for a constitutional amendment that would ban the use of masks by law enforcement officers and would require law enforcement officers to wear uniforms with badge numbers. As a school nurse, I always had to wear an ID badge so children knew I could be trusted. Parents would have rightly been up in arms if I wore a mask at school. We have watched people in other states being abused and taken away without any explanation or recourse. Oregon can do so much better than that. If the masked ICE officers fear for their own safety, then they need to change their practices. Does our local policeman feel the need to mask up? No, because they have nothing to hide.