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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR203

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I support Senate Joint Resolution 203 which would ask Oregon voters to amend Article 1 of the Oregon State Constitution to prohibit secret police from operating in our state in the November 2026 general election.

I never would have dreamed that we could have Gestapo operating in the United States of America as they did in Nazi Germany in the 1930s and 40s. Yes, 'Gestapo' is the right term for it. 'Gestapo' is an abbreviation for Geheime Staatspolizei, which translates to "Secret State Police" in German. It was the term for the official, brutal secret police force of Nazi Germany and occupied Europe, established in 1933 to suppress opposition, conduct surveillance, and play a key role in implementing the Holocaust.

Trump's Gestapo has been equally brutal and murderous as we have seen in Minnesota and even here in Oregon. While SJR 203 won't have the force of removing them from our state, it will at least make them less geheime.

Please support SJR 203.

Sincerely,

Jim Scheppke
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