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SJR203

### Written Testimony in Support of SJR 203

I strongly support SJR 203.

When law enforcement officers act while masked or unidentified, it creates fear, confusion, and a dangerous lack of accountability. Right now, people in our communities—including U.S. citizens—are being detained without clear identification of who is exercising authority over them. That should alarm every Oregonian.

No one should be forced to comply with an armed individual whose identity and authority cannot be verified. Transparency is not anti-law-enforcement; it is pro-democracy and pro-safety. Officers who follow the law deserve to be clearly identifiable, and the public deserves to know who is acting in the name of the state.

SJR 203 strikes a reasonable balance by allowing limited exceptions while affirming that anonymity should never be the norm. Referring this measure to voters respects the seriousness of the issue and the voices of Oregonians.

I urge the committee to support SJR 203 and let the people decide.