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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR203

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

I am a lifelong Oregonian born and raised in Eugene. 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.

We see from very recent federal court decisions from California that it is important that we include BOTH unmasking and identifying uniforms with badge numbers to apply to all law enforcement officers and agents, whether local, state or federal for SJR 203 to be successful, not just federal.

We need SJR 203 passed out of committee for accountability and transparency.

Thank you.