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I am writing in support of SJR 203 because I believe this is the strongest response that our state could have to the current attacks on our community by masked immigration agents who are refusing to identify themselves, and is a lasting solution to prevent it from happening in the future.

Every day in my work, I hear horrific stories of people who are scared to leave their homes because they are worried they will be taken off the streets by masked, armed agents, who they can't even be sure are part of ICE or DHS because they are refusing to identify themselves. ICE agents are posing as utility workers, they are hiding out in courthouses in jeans and polo shirts, they are driving cars without license plates. This is unacceptable.

While this does not put an end to all of the violations of our Constitutional rights, it is a step in the right direction and a strong assertion of Oregon's values. This amendment is just one part of a larger response that is needed.

I think it is important to remember that this is not the first time Oregonians have been faced with a secret police force. I know many people who witnessed first hand protestors being pulled into unmarked vans during the protests during the summer of 2020.

Not only do we need to declare that we do not want a secret police force sent in by the federal government in response to current events, we need to ensure that we will never again have a secret police force in our state from either our local, state, or federal governments.

Thank you for your consideration and support.