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

My name is Deborah Petricek, and I live in Portland. 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.

Masked Ice officers have been unaccountable in their actions that have terrorized our communities. Their behavior has, without cause, harmed or killed citizen legally demonstrating. Their actions have also put our state and local law enforcers at risk of the publics trust. For civic safety and human rights protection the SJR 203 must be passed out of committee.

Thank you,  
Deborah Petricek