



American Association of University Professors

Academic Freedom for a Free Society

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Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the more than 3,000 members of the American Association of University Professors in Oregon, our collective bargaining chapters at the University of Oregon, Portland State University, Oregon State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology, and our faculty members in advocacy chapters across Oregon, we urge you to support SJR 203.

With each passing week of violence perpetrated by ICE agents in our state and across the nation, a growing number of Oregonians of all ages are standing together to say enough is enough. Many are deeply opposed to both the mission and the methods employed by ICE, and this opposition has led to a growing number of people exercising their right to free speech and assembly to demand that ICE agents cease their assault on our freedoms.

Chillingly, the federal response to these protests has been to unleash state violence. Standing alongside their community at protests in [Eugene](#) and [Portland](#), union members have been tear-gassed, pepperballed, and flashbanged by ICE and DHS agents, underscoring the deep need for reform in our state.

Oregonians know that we are not truly free as a society when we have masked agents assaulting members of our community and abducting them from our streets. This legislation will give our residents the chance to cast their vote on this issue and affirm that no law enforcement officer should be allowed to obscure their identity in order to violate the rights of our community members with impunity.

As a legislature, it is your duty to hear the will of the people and act accordingly, and the calls for ICE reform can be heard clearly both in the halls of our Capitol and in the streets of our cities. To make Oregon a safe place for all, please support SJR 203. Thank you for your consideration.

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