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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR203
To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to SJR 203 for a variety of reasons. First off, I have many relatives that are in law enforcement in a variety of positions. These individuals put their life on the line every day! The majority of law enforcement officers do not cover their face, however, there are times when necessity dictates it. There are many "plain clothes" officers of the law, which are not "undercover". These officers go into areas of our communities which are dangerous! I would not want to see these plain clothes officers have to have a uniform and a name tag on them. This is unnecessarily putting our law enforcement officers in harms way, along with their families. Our officers work diligently to keep the citizens safe and ensure compliance with the laws of our land. This proposed bill is just to satisfy the extreme groups that would rather protest and cause havoc than actually hold down a job and contribute to our society.

President Trump was elected in large part because of his promise to correct the horrendous mess created in illegal immigration by President Biden. The majority of Americans want to see illegal immigration stopped! Our country has a legal means for those that seek asylum or a better way of life in the USA. ICE and DHS are following the law of arresting and deporting ILLEGAL aliens. Calling them undocumented workers is just a woke term trying to minimize what they truly are - ILLEGAL. They have broken the law and so there are consequences. Let ICE do their job and quit trying to obstruct them by creating senseless laws like this one.

Our state should be working together with federal officers to remove illegal aliens in a combined effort of cooperation. This law is just creating more diversity and does not demonstrate support of our law enforcement officers. Minnesota and New York have seen a steep decline in individuals seeking positions in law enforcement. Oregon will be no different if we don't start using some common sense to support and not restrict our law enforcement officers.

While I see mostly testimony to support this bill, there is a silent majority and they do not support this. Oregon voters are getting tired of extreme politics and this may be the year we see some real political changes in Oregon. Think before you vote in support of this bill!