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Maria Cahill: I'm going to let folks go ahead and introduce themselves. We will start with Stephanie Babb. Take it away.

Stephanie Babb: Thanks Maria. My name is Stephanie Babb, and I wanted to say, Patrick, Stacy, Kenny, we remember you. They've just been recently added to this long list that we have. I'm in Eugene, Oregon, Lane County, and my brother was a captain in the Army and he was killed by Eugene police.

Is that what we need now? Maria... or are we going to go on to maybe April?

Maria: No, go ahead and give your, give your spiel.

Stephanie: Oh good, okay, I can do that.

Maria: Okay, thanks.

Stephanie: So this is a really good because this has been really important, kind of on my mind, because I have made it to the protests, and when I get an opportunity to, I live stream, and so this is what we're doing this for.

Portland is being used, I believe, as ground zero for a testing federal jurisdiction superseding the District Attorney's impact and power as Chief prosecutor in the district they were elected in. If the federal government takes over prosecuting protesters and counter-protesters, "individual beliefs" gets categorized as organizations... like being anti-fascist or even a patriot.

It sets... hold on... I just printed this out.

It sets precedents for them to classify arbitrary associations with terrorist affiliations. In turn, it enables the federal government to apprehend and suspend all constitutional rights to said individuals. No phone call, no representation, and to be held indefinitely with no charges... all for classifying a belief of misinterpreted terminology. We can't let that happen regardless of anyone's conflicting political beliefs. We need to keep it local. We need to keep it in-state, and we need to keep voting.

So, I just, I know I was given four and a half minutes. I just want to make that point. The reason I'm including both sides is because we get into that element of the terminology, and it can just be used against us, And it doesn't matter where we're coming from. And as soon as that happens, that can be used as a tool to continue to arrest us, and prosecute us, but more importantly, to take away our constitutional rights. And that, we can't have happen. It doesn't matter what side you you come from. That just that can't happen. I think that's what I'm here to say.

Maria: Thank you, Stephanie.

Stephanie: Thank you.

Maria: Next up Seemab Hussaini from CAIR Oregon.