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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about disapparenes. Federal marshals and a mishmash of DHS agents from CBP, ICE, TSA, the Coast Guard and FPS are now operating in Portland Oregon. They have been firing tear gas and dangerous crowd control munitions at peaceful groups and reportedly detaining people without identifying themselves or any cause bringing complaints from the city, the county and the state. This operation is reminiscent of the violent clearing of Lafayette square with both ostensibly for campaign talking points but also having the feel of testing your power to undercut local law enforcement. Besides the obvious potential for abuse arising from the lack of accountability this paves the way for paramilitary groups as already happened with militia supporting CBP at the border. These are the tactics of dictators not democrats.

Please assure me that you will abolish CBP.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our civilian policing.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson