TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 3464.

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On behalf of the 6500 members of PCUN, I wish to express our full support for House Bill 3464.

PCUN is a union of farmworkers who's membership is 95% immigrant from Mexico and Central America,

The increase of immigration ICE activity in Oregon has created an environment of fear in our communities. Families all over the state have been torn apart and whole communities live in fear and anxiety.

HB 3464 serves to strengthen our state's protection by changing the ways that public bodies are authorized to collect and share data. It also requires the Attorney General to provides guidance to all publics bodies as as schools as to how to comply with information requests from the Federal government, and encourages all public bodies to implement the guidance and requires them to update their confidentiality policies.

We believe that House Bill 3464 is a step in the right direction by protecting the privacy of Oregionian's by prohibiting the sharing of confidential information for the enforcement of federal immigration law.

We urge the committee to pass House Bill 3464.