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**TO: Rep. Jennifer Williamson, Chair House Rules Committee  
Members of the House Rules Committee**

**FR: Mike Doke  
Executive Director, Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers (CGFG)**

Cc: Amanda Dalton and Becky Gilliam, Lobbyists CGFG

**RE: Urge Your Support for HB 3464**

Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3464. Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers represents 440 growers and 20 shippers of the tree fruit industry in Oregon's Mid-Columbia region, where more than 225,000 tons of pears, apples and cherries are produced annually. As you know, much of Oregon's agricultural workforce is immigrant-based – the tree fruit industry is no exception.

The recent increase in aggressive federal enforcement tactics, has caused a great deal of confusion and stress for both our employees and employers. Our employers know from experience that it is not always clear what information is appropriate to share during a visit from ICE. We believe that HB 3464 offers consistent, model policy for the public bodies that our employees interact with on a daily basis so that they can protect our employees' civil rights.

Maintaining a strong, thriving fruit industry requires a strong, thriving workforce. We urge your support of this meaningful legislation, that will provide clear guidelines to all of our members.

Best regards,

Mike Doke  
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