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Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today to inform you of the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs’s **support for HB 3464**.

The Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs is charged with representing the needs of 500,000 Latinos in Oregon. This includes many of those who are immigrants in our great state.

HB 3464 is a simple bill that adds clarity and direction to the state’s existing protections for immigrant Oregonians. By clarifying what information our public bodies can and cannot disclose, and providing guidance to public bodies on how to limit immigration enforcement, we are making our public spaces safer for everyone who uses them.

Immigrant Oregonians interact with our public bodies each and every day, and the current holes in the guidance from our state in regards to protecting our immigrant populations has created fear and anxiety for many in our state. Young people should not be afraid when they go to school, or when they go away to college that their school or University will share their home address with ICE. Our parents taking children in to county health departments for vaccines that protect all of our young children should not cancel their appointments because they are scared that ICE will know when they are coming in.

We know that immigrants here in Oregon are a part of the fabric of our communities and our state, and we strongly support efforts to clarify how our public bodies should be interacting with immigration enforcement. Oregon has long supported the notion that state resources should not be commandeered for the enforcement of federal immigration laws; we urge you to support this bill to continue this leadership.

Sincerely,


Chair Moreno

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