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The Honorable Ginny Burdick, Chair, & Members
Senate Committee on Rules

Re: HB 3464A

Dear Chair Burdick & Committee Members:

Here we go again – another 11th hour move by the Legislature to assist lawbreakers in breaking our nation’s laws. Once more they are thumbing their noses at the Oregon electorate.

The voters (the LEGAL citizens) of Oregon expressed their opinion loudly and clearly on public benefits for illegal immigrants via Measure 88 in 2014. Democrats did all they could to prevent the people from having a voice in that decision (HB 4054) but were thwarted by the Oregon Supreme Court. This time they’re making sure the people will have no say by attaching a bogus “emergency clause” to this irresponsible bill – a bill that is intended to interdict a citizen initiative to allow the voters to weigh in on Oregon’s “Sanctuary State” status.

All legislation begins with the words, “Be It Enacted By The People Of The State Of Oregon.” **“The People Of The State Of Oregon” would not enact this bill! The requestors know it, the sponsors know it – and this committee knows it.** All of the foregoing have a pretty good idea of what would happen if the voters WERE given a say. That’s why extraordinary measures have been taken to prevent that from happening.

HB 3464 is irresponsible, cynical and an affront to those who elected you and your colleagues in the Legislature to represent them. Is it too much to ask our elected representatives that they respect the clearly-stated opinion of the majority of Oregon voters and that they honor the oath they took to uphold the law? That they focus on representing Oregonians instead of foreign nationals? **Your action on this bill will answer that question.** Please consign HB 3464A to the death it deserves.

Sincerely,

Jerry Ritter
(as a private citizen)