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The Honorable Representative Jennifer Williamson, Chair
House Judiciary committee, members

RE: Testimony in support of HB 3201 and HB 2932

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 3201 and HB 2932. PCUN is supportive of HB 3201 and HB 2932 as both would positively impact our immigrant communities across Oregon and continue to build a criminal justice system that is fair and provides equal treatment.

At PCUN, we represent farmworkers and low wage Latino workers on a range of issues, from economic justice to immigration justice. We strongly believe that everyone should have access to a criminal justice system that is fair regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion and immigration. A minor mistake in someone's record should not have life changing consequences for immigrant in Oregon.

HB 3201 impacts three separate deferred resolution programs. Even after someone goes through a deferred resolution program for a minor state law offense in Oregon, they still have a conviction under federal law. This can have life altering consequences for our immigrant communities on many levels. DACA recipients or a lawful permanent resident can be subject to deportation, this can make the process more difficult for someone who wants to become a naturalized citizen or prevent an asylee or temporary visa holder from adjusting their status to a legal permanent resident. HB 3201 would address this problem through a simple procedural change that does not jeopardize the goals of deferred resolution programs.

On behalf of our 6,000 members, PCUN respectfully the committee to support HB 3201 and HB 2932.

Sincerely,
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