

April 18, 2019

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and members of the Judiciary Committee:

We'd like to express our **strong opposition** to HB 2932. This bill is yet another attempt by the Legislature to legitimize the status of people who are in this country illegally. The people this bill purports to help should not even be in this country, let alone in our court system.

Through this bill and several others (not to mention Oregon's unfortunate status as a "sanctuary state," the Legislature continues to place the rights of illegal aliens above those of the legal residents of Oregon. This ongoing disrespect for the citizens of this state is really sickening.

The citizens of Oregon are expected to abide by all federal, state and local laws, but our own Legislature seems to think that illegal aliens deserve an exemption from those laws. HB 2932 is not necessarily an exemption, but it is certainly an accommodation. Does this even make sense? How is this fair?!

Lastly – HB 2932 is yet another example of the **continuing misuse of the "emergency clause."** What is the exact emergency that will be mitigated by the passage of this bill. According to the Oregon Constitution, emergency clauses were designed only for new laws necessary for "**immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.**" Please. This is just another exploitation of the emergency clause in order to circumvent the **Will of The People**. Believe me – this tactic has not gone unnoticed by the citizens of Oregon – we will be fighting you on this!

It appears as though this bill is still in Committee. We urge you to reject it. If it does happen to make it out of Committee, we urge a "NO" vote.

Thank You,

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