Honorable Committee Members:

My name is Lesley Roehr and I'm from Wilsonville, Oregon. As a retired peace officer and former crime victim, I oppose HB 2932.

There are currently 913 foreign felons in Oregon prisons. 132 for homicides, 458 seix offenders. Illegally entering the country itself is a crime under 8 USC 1325. This bill would reward foreign criminal defendants in the State of Oregon by shielding them from the consequences of their original illegal act, including potential deportation to their home countries.

HB 2932 sets a dangerous precedent by allowing politicians - not judges - to determine what factors the court may consider during criminal proceedings. What other potential crimes and relevant information could the legislature decide that the courts must ignore? And of course, a defendant's status as a foreign national and potential flight risk is essential information for a judge to have when setting bail. Once a criminal flees the country, it is nearly impossible to get them back to face justice.

In addition, this bill would grant extra time for foreign defendants to consider their plea not afforded to citizens accused of the same crime. That is unequal application of the law and is clearly unconstitutional!

This bill prioritizes foreign criminals above law-abiding immigrants and citizens. Every year that the legislature grants criminal offenders more rights and victims less rights, you send the message that our lives don't matter. That our families don't matter.

America is the greatest, most generous country on earth, and people understandably want to come here. But they've got to do it legally. Rewarding foreign criminals incentivizes unlawful behavior and is a huge slap in the face not only to crime victims, but to millions of legal immigrants.

Please, pass laws to PROTECT VICTIMS NOT CRIMINALS and vote NO on HB 2932. Thank you for your consideration.

24 of the 132 innocent Oregonians permanently separated by foreign criminals:

REMEMBERING OREGON VICTIMS

Logan Wilson, 34, Salem, 2018
Jessica Wilson, 32, Salem, 2018
Deputy Kelly Fredinburg, 33, Marion Co., 2007
Dani Countryman, Milwaukie, 2014
Parker Moore, 20, McMinnville, 2014
Sister Helen Chaska, 53, Klamath Falls, 2002
Anna Dieter-Eckerdt, 6, Forest Grove, 2013
Abigail Robinson, 11, Forest Grove, 2013
Katie Gildersleeve, 30, Woodburn, 2016
Rubin Rigoberto-Reyes, 60, Woodburn, 2016
Edmundo Amaro-Bajonero, 26, Woodburn, 2016
Trooper Bret Clotfelder, 34, Klamath Falls, 1992





Montez Bailey, 21, Salem, 2009
Albert Rowland, 53, Portland, 2010
Kimberly McDaniel, 23, Dodson, 2006
John Zupan, 66, Portland, 2011
Carma Smith, 52, Yamhill Co., 2008
Barbara Jean Bier, 52, Salem, 2008
Mary Denise Richey, 40, Gladstone, 2007
Judyth Anne Cox, 66, Yamhill CO., 2007
Kenneth Carroll, 72, Eugene, 2012
Justin Dougherty, 23, Lane Co., 2008
Kay Blaser, 26, Oregon City, 2008
Officer Thomas Jeffries, 35, Portland, 1997

Please remember our Oregon Angel Families...

PROTECT VICTIMS NOT CRIMINALS!!!









