

To: House Committee on Judiciary

I am a resident of Wasco County and a member of the NORCOR Community Resources Coalition (NCRC); and I am writing to express my support for HB 4121

For nearly 3 years, countless Oregonians have been working to end NORCOR's contract with ICE, believing that it is in violation of the will of the people of Oregon, who in 2018 voted to affirm Oregon's 1987 Sanctuary Law.

NORCOR is the only remaining facility in Oregon to house ICE detainees. We want this to end. We want NORCOR to be aligned with the rest of Oregon.

I do not want my county jail to also be a prison for immigrants.

While the average length of stay for a non-immigrant detainee at NORCOR is 7 to 14 days, we know of ICE detainees who have been at NORCOR for 2 to 3 years. Conditions for such long-term incarceration at NORCOR are unacceptable. Compared with the nearest detention center in Tacoma, access to legal resources is very limited; phone calls cost 3X more at NORCOR and family visits are much more restricted; recreation in the outdoors and support programs are lacking.

Although funded by 4 counties, NORCOR actually serves 17 counties. The NCRC wants to work with the NORCOR Bd. and administration to increase citizen involvement in strengthening restorative justice efforts and to offer more mental health and education services.

This is the opportunity for the Oregon State Legislature to end ICE detention in Oregon and help our communities move forward.

Sincerely,

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