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Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

As a retired peace officer and crime victim advocate, I am OPPOSED to HB 4121.

This bill prohibits the Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility from contracting with Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement and appropriates \$1.64 million to make up for the subsequent loss of revenue. Asking law-abiding taxpayers to make up for revenue lost protecting law-breakers is an irresponsible and costly dereliction of duty. Refusing to cooperate or coordinate with our Federal law enforcement partners means prisoners will be transported out of state, further increasing the cost to over-burdened Oregon taxpayers.

Illegally entering the United States is a CRIME under 8 USC 1325 & 1326. Being detained is the natural consequence of violating immigration law, as it is violating any other law. Giving special treatment to criminal aliens is a slap in the face to immigrants who have followed the legal process to become citizens. There are currently more than 1,000 foreign criminals in Oregon prisons being shielded by sanctuary policies at taxpayer expense. There are currently 131 foreign felons incarcerated for KILLING innocent Oregonians. These mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons & daughters would be alive today if their killers had been safely deported as required by federal law. The primary responsibility of our elected officials is to keep their constituents SAFE. As a society, we should be doing everything possible to protect crime victims and support law enforcement officers who are doing their best to enforce the law and keep us safe. The fact that this legislature is ONCE AGAIN prioritizing law-breakers over crime victims and law-abiding citizens is shameful. NO on HB 4121!!!

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