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Dear Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

I write to you today to urge you to pass HB 3265, The Sanctuary Promise Act. This piece of legislation will get us closer to an Oregon in which all Oregonians feel their families are safe, secure and protected. I believe in honoring the dignity of each person regardless of place of birth. This piece of legislature does that by expanding our decades-old Sanctuary law so that more people in my community feel safe from unfair harassment and profiling going to work, going to get groceries, driving to their places of worship, and just going about their daily lives.

I am an immigrant, a husband, a father, and a grandfather. I am also a naturalized citizen for over thirty years. I deeply care about this bill. As a person of color, I share the concerns that all immigrants have: the fear of intimidation, harassment, and of being profiled. Like IMIRJ (an organization that I feel connected to because of their work for justice) I believe that this law is really about people and communities together ensuring that all Oregonians feel safer. I urge you to pass HB 3265.

Thank you for your work and attention,

Michael Pollard