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Dear Chair Bynum and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to pass HB 3265, the Sanctuary Promise Act, which will strengthen Oregon's 34 year old sanctuary status. This bill will ensure that all Oregonians can live without the fear of harassment and racial profiling as they go about their daily lives.

Our immigrant neighbors include our friends, our co-workers, our health care providers, our school teachers, many are considered essential workers. I am connected to IMIrJ, the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, and I am aware local police and sheriff's departments throughout Oregon work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement resulting in the separation of families. No parent or child should have to live with the fear and trauma of being separated.

This legislation will ensure that local law enforcement does not collaborate with federal immigration officials and will keep all Oregonians safe from racial profiling and the harm of family separations. All Oregonians, no matter the country of their birth, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. I believe we are connected to each other because of our shared humanity. I will only feel safe when all Oregonians are safe.

Thank you for your service and for your consideration.

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