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Dear Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

I am writing in support of HB 3265, The Sanctuary Promise Act. I support this legislation because it is important that all Oregonians feel safe. The Sanctuary Promise Act would expand our existing Sanctuary law so that more people in my community will be protected from unfair harassment and profiling.

Since the devastating Almeda Fire last September, I have been helping two immigrant families rebuild their lives after losing their homes. I have seen first-hand the uncertainty and fear that they live with, being undocumented. They are hard-working members of our community, and they deserve to live without constant stress and worry.

As a member of the Christian faith, it is important for me to stand up for the values of my faith tradition--compassion, justice and mercy. This legislation would reflect those values, as it would take a large step toward ensuring that all members of our community feel safe. I urge you to pass HB 3265.

Thank you for your service,

Ellen Craine