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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 a place where all Oregonians feel their families are safe, secure and protected. As a person whose faith is rooted in the Catholic tradition, I that all our policies uphold the dignity of every person. This piece of legislation 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, or driving to their places of worship.

I care about this bill because as a retired RN, I met and worked with people lacking legal documentation as residents, but had lived in our community for years and still lived in fear of being separated from their family. Often these people were just like me, working hard while also providing care for an ill family member.

I am part of a network of people of faith who strongly 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,
Jeanne Wieber