

- DATE: March 23, 2021
- TO: Honorable Representative Janelle Bynum, Chair Representatives Noble and Power, Vice Chairs, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
- FROM: Lawrence T. Krupa, MD Oregon Pediatric Society Member
- SUBJECT: Support for HB 3265 The Sanctuary Promise Act

For the record, I am Lawrence T. Krupa, MD, Behavior and Developmental Pediatrician, and a member of the Oregon Pediatric Society (OPS). OPS is the Oregon state chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Our members are committed to improving the health and well-being of all Oregon children. I am writing today in support HB 3265.

I have had the privilege of being a Pediatrician in Hillsboro, Oregon, for 40+ years. During this time, I have had many contacts with Latinx children and families. I know for certain that the threat of deportation prevented some of them from seeking needed preventive and acute health care, including immunizations. As multiple immigration rights groups and foundational humanitarian principles clearly state, fear of deportation should not be a reason that anyone be denied needed health care or other basic human needs. OPS and I believe that Oregon's Sanctuary State would be strengthened by the passage of SB 3265. We urge you to support this bill.

I am happy to provide any additional input; please contact me via The Oregon Pediatric Society. Thank you for your consideration.