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Chair Bynum, Vice-Chairs Noble and Power, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Basic Rights Oregon strongly supports HB 3265 to protect Oregonian families. As members of the Fair Shot Coalition, we support this policy as part of our ongoing effort for racial and immigrant justice.

As the leading LGBTQ advocacy organization in the state, all of our work centers on ensuring equality for every Oregonian.

Immigrant Oregonians are part of our families, communities, workplaces, and places of worship, and they should be safe from unfair harassment and profiling.

That's why we're writing in support of House Bill 3265, The Sanctuary Promise Act. This bill is vital in that it strengthens our current sanctuary law by clearly prohibiting local law enforcement and governments from working with and communicating with federal agents for the purpose of immigration enforcement. Additionally, the bill prohibits state and local correctional facilities from contracting with the federal government for immigration detention. It also protects Oregon's justice system by enshrining into law the current state court rule that prohibits warrantless civil arrests in and around courthouses.

Oregon has a long history of fighting for equality and safety for everyone, considering our sanctuary law is the nation's oldest and has formed part of our state identity for 30 years. Despite Oregon's long-standing sanctuary law, local police and resources are being used to support federal immigration enforcement. This destroys trust in communities, tears apart Oregon families, and makes all of us less safe.

That's why we at Basic Rights Oregon, in addition to the Fair Shot Coalition and so many other community groups, are advocating for The Sanctuary Promise Act—to protect Oregonians from racial profiling and ensure that local police and resources will not be used for federal immigration enforcement.

In 2018, Oregon voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of Oregon's sanctuary law. Now the 2021 Legislature can make it stronger, to protect Oregon families and preserve local resources. We urge your YES vote on HB 3265.