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Hello my name is Griselda Mendoza.

I have two sisters and a brother who live in Washington County with me but we are all originally from Michoacán, Mexico. They came 17 years ago from Modesto, California in search of work and because they heard Oregon was a welcoming state.

My sisters worked cleaning houses while my brother and brother-in-law worked in construction. Seeing that there were opportunities available, and that Oregon was a sanctuary state, they invited me and my family to move up here as my husband was undocumented. We came to this beautiful state with our six children and my husband quickly found work as a carpenter. Now, we live with three of our children as the three others are married and my husband even owns his own small business which specializes in remodeling.

It has been 11 years since our family decided to move to the beautiful state that is Oregon, and we are very happy to be here. We support HB 3265 because we moved here after hearing Oregon was a welcoming state with jobs and want other immigrants to also feel safe and welcome here.

Thank you.