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

My name is Danita Harris, a life-long Black Oregonian and a small business owner that focuses on DE&I work and consulting throughout the state; I am writing in favor of HB 3265.

We are all Oregonians. No matter where we were born or how we arrived here. HB 3265 addresses the gaps in Oregon's 34-year-old sanctuary law allowing us the ability to keep Oregon's state and local agencies out of the harm caused by the federal immigration system. We need to act to put an end to the unfair racial profiling of Oregonians simply because they are perceived to be undocumented immigrants.

HB 3265 prohibits for-profit detention centers controlled by corporate interests, ensures that people are able to contact law enforcement when it is necessary and are able to access to Oregon's justice system.

Too many of our community members have been targeted by ICE or are afraid to access community goods like nutrition services because of the threat of ICE. We must continue to do everything in our power to ensure that our state continues and strengthens Oregon's sanctuary law, the nation's oldest and a part of our state identity for 30 years.

Immigrant Oregonians are a part of every facet of our local communities and our state. The Sanctuary Promise Act protects Oregonians from racial profiling and ensures that local police and resources will not be used for federal immigration enforcement.

I implore you to vote Yes on SB 618.

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