

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

My name is Alan Gonzalez, I'm a resident of Marion County.

I am testifying today to persist the goal of many Oregonians. Your support of HB 3265, HB 3265 fulfills the cracks of Oregon's 34 year old sanctuary law. To stop our local and state agencies' from contributing with a federal immigration system. As Oregonians it's our duty to protect one another and stop racial profiling.

Regardless of our current sanctuary law, some state and local law enforcement agencies are still sharing vulnerable information with either immigration agents or ICE members to select and wrongfully arrest local oregonians. Often their targets have been mistakes due to racial profiling. This bill provides legal help and aims to protect those whom haven been victims of discrimination.

When I was younger, my uncle drove my cousins and I to soccer practice, on his way back he got stopped by a police officer. And after not showing some identification, he got arrested and was taken to prison. While he was detained he mentioned that he felt pressure to sign some documents that he had no knowledge about. Immediately after, they mentioned that he was going to be transferred to an ICE facility to get deported.

I was too young to comprehend the wrongfulness of that matter. My uncle was not a bad driver and was a victim of racial profiling. No one should be targeted based on the color of their skin, their accent, or their perceived immigration status. And even if he did commit a traffic offense. He shouldn't have been deported. Instead of making him sign unaware documents they should've offered him some legal representation. I am still aware that similar situations have been reoccurring in Oregon. But HB 3265 will protect oregonians from racial profiling and ensure that local police and recourses will not be used for federal immigration enforcement and give those whom have been falsely accused an access to justice.

In 2018, Oregonians were able to vote in favor of Oregon's sanctuary law, but there are some ends that need strength, so I am encouraging you all to not let them get loose by protecting and keeping families united and preserve local resources by voting in favor of HB 3265.

Thank you.