

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

My name is Adzel Villanueva , a DACA recipient college student in oregon state university living in clackamas county

I am speaking in support of House Bill 3265, in efforts to reaffirm the notion that regardless of skin, and nationality, we are all considered Oregonian.

This House bill will be able to re-evaluate the gaps in Oregon's 3 decade old sanctuary law in order to have Oregon's state and local agencies detached from federal immigration agencies that mainly serve to separate families and build distrust amongst the community and law enforcement

By voting for this bill,

The Sanctuary Promise Act will be able to

- reconstruct trust within our communities to guarantee them, that our local law enforcement will NOT be able to cooperate with federal immigration agencies.
- Providing the opportunity for community members to seek accountability if and whenever the law is violated.
- prohibiting local correctional facilities from being contracted from the federal and private entities, for the purpose of detaining suspected immigrants.
- As well as hindering warrantless civil arrests on and around the courthouses

Living such a contradictory life as someone such as myself who was born in another country but grew their whole life in making the best they can in oregon, can understand the fear it has, while being labeled and targeted by federal agents whose sole purpose is to detain suspected immigrants to "protect our communities" but these careless apprehensions only serve to divide our families and neighbors that does not benefit anyone, but continues the distrust relationship between law enforcement and the people it's meant to serve.

And if community members continue this fear, their reluctance to cooperate with local law enforcement will hinder police work in future criminal investigations such as being witnesses

Individuals such as ourselves have lived in this state for many years where we have built our lives and identity.

The same state that has provided one of the oldest sanctuary laws that allow us to build our families, businesses and relationship with each other
The same state that we are proud to call home, can further become protected under the sanctuary promise act that stands before us today.

As we look back into Oregon's recent history, in 2018 Oregon voters voted for the sanctuary law while the nation was under the debate of immigration statuses. Now, Oregon can continue this stride for stronger sanctuary laws that will protect families and to preserve local resources to enshrine trust within our communities that we will continue to call home

Thank you.