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## Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon

March 25, 2021

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

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon is proud to be part of the Fair Shot for All coalition, a unique partnership of more than 30 community-based organizations and labor unions who came together in 2014 to advance racial, gender and economic justice in Oregon. Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon respectfully requests the committee's support of House Bill 3265 to protect Oregonian families and preserve local resources.

We stand with our reproductive justice partners who have long proclaimed that the fight for justice and equity does not end with having the right to make reproductive and sexual health decisions. A critical aspect of that work is advocating for people to have the power, resources, and protections necessary to raise and support their families in safe environments and healthy communities.

Regardless of documentation status, immigrant families are a part of our communities, families, workplaces and places of worship. Every Oregonian including immigrant families should always be protected from harm, unfair harassment and profiling.

The Sanctuary Promise Act would strengthen our current sanctuary law by accomplishing the following:

- **Disentanglement:** Builds trust in Oregon communities by clearly prohibiting local law enforcement and governments from working with and communicating with federal agents for the purpose of immigration enforcement.
- **Private right of action:** Allows community members to seek accountability when the law is violated.
- **Prohibition of detention contracts:** Prohibits state and local correctional facilities from contracting with the federal government for immigration detention.
- **Prohibition of private detention centers:** Prohibits private entities like for-profit corporations from operating private prisons for immigrant detention.
- **Courthouses:** Protects Oregon's justice system by enshrining into law the current state court rule that prohibits warrantless civil arrests in and around courthouses.

Oregon holds the oldest sanctuary law in the nation. This law has protected our communities for over 30 years, and in 2018 Oregon voters overwhelmingly voted to protect it. However, the law must be improved to address the systematic harm being done by local agencies. Across Oregon, state and local government agencies perpetuate severe harm to immigrant communities by using Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to target and arrest Oregonians. The widespread usage of ICE agents inflicts intergenerational wounds on entire families and communities, jeopardizes the lives of marginalized communities and makes communities unsafe for all Oregonians.

The Sanctuary Promise Act serves to modernize the scope of Oregon's sanctuary law to meet the needs of today's communities. The act will protect Oregonians from racial profiling and ensures that local police and resources will not be used for harmful federal immigration enforcement.

The 2021 Legislature can strengthen our Sanctuary Law to protect all Oregon families. We urge your YES vote on HB 3265.

Sincerely,  
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