

March 30, 2021 Senator Kayse Jama Senate District 24

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

As a long time advocate for the fight racial and immigrant justice in the state of Oregon, I am a proud sponsor of House Bill 3230.

Working alongside vulnerable communities in our state— undocumented immigrants, refugees, Black, indigenous and people of color, along with other groups that have faced unfair treatment based on their identities— I understand firsthand how important it is to fight for universal representation along every line.

HB 3230 ensures accountability on behalf of our State Government to our Immigrant communities in Oregon, and prioritizes streaming communication between communities of color and organizations that can ensure their safety and security in difficult times. The framework that this bill provides ensures equitable treatment of immigrant communities in our state, and ultimately allows us to support state-wide efforts to treat ALL of our residents and community members with the resources they need in order to thrive.

It is because of this, that I strongly urge you to vote yes to support HB 3230.

Thank you.