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Testimony in support of HB 4111 Immigrant Anti-Discrimination Protections
House Committee On Judiciary

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jenny Lunte, my pronouns are she/her, and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am the Cultural Work Intern at APANO Communities United Fund (CUF), a culturally-specific organization that unites Asians and the communities who stand with us to build power, develop leaders and advance equity through organizing, advocacy, community development and cultural work. I am a senior returning student at Portland State University, studying sociology and social science, and volunteer part-time at a local Women and Children's day shelter. My background is in the restaurant and customer service industry, where I have spent 8+ years serving my local communities. **I stand in strong support of HB 4111** to strengthen Immigrant Anti-Discrimination Protections.

Since moving to Portland in 2022 to complete my degree, I have surrounded myself with communities of immigrant-origin in both my academic, work, and social spaces. Every day, I experience first-hand the vital contributions that immigrants make in order to keep Portland the vibrant, culturally-enriched city that it is. Throughout the last 4 years of working in Portland restaurants and hospitality roles, I have worked alongside immigrant-origin cooks, servers, bartenders, and restaurant owners who work tirelessly around-the-clock in order to provide exceptional dining experiences to every single person who walks through their door. Without immigrant communities, the restaurants, food trucks, specialty markets, and cultural events that Oregonians engage in and benefit from, would not exist.

Immigrant Oregonians, our families, and communities have been targeted by violent ICE sweeps, resulting in community-wide fear and devastating family separations. People are afraid to go to work, to go grocery shopping, to step outside their door. No person should ever have to fear being torn from their family just to get to work.

These reckless federal attacks demand a collective response. Oregonians have shown time and time again that we are stronger when we stand together. When immigrant communities are targeted, we all pay the price. Families struggle, the economy suffers, and critical systems are pushed to a breaking point. These are our neighbors, our caregivers, our teachers, our groundskeepers, our healthcare workers, our coworkers that we're talking about.



Immigrant Anti-Discrimination Protections is part of the 2026 Immigrant Justice Package and is backed by a broad coalition of immigrant justice advocates, civil liberties groups, unions, and community based organizations.

I strongly urge you to vote YES to HB 4111. Stand up for our immigrant communities.

Thank you,

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