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I am a clinical social worker who has dedicated my life to serving the people of Oregon- including immigrants. I grew up in rural Oregon, in a town whose history was marred by the nearby Nyssa labor camp. The ICE detention centers are eerily and terrifyingly familiar to those of use who lived and loved folks who came from the internment camps that harmed Asian Americans. Once again, our government is targeting people based on the color of the skin and the language they speak, rather than the content of their character. These illegal and immoral sweeps will eventually be found- like the labor camps before them - to be baseless and cruel. Oregonians can stand up to this now rather than later.

These reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified response from state that knows better.