

Honorable legislators,

My name is Kathy Kuftin and I support HB 4114 with the amendment.

I live in NE Salem, the center of ICE activity in the state Capitol, where my neighbors have been attacked by ICE at the same gas stations and grocery stores where I shop. I am a retired educator, a spouse, mother, grandmother. I also have family members who are immigrants and at risk of being racially profiled as they go about their daily business in our part of town. **Our family's adaptation since 2025: Carry papers and never go out alone.** Last week, a grandmother in my neighborhood (and US citizen) was pulled from her car and thrown to the ground by ICE agents, receiving multiple injuries. Never did we dream that this could happen here, but it is!

Perhaps my family members' greatest nightmare is that ICE will come armed to our home, as had happened in their country before coming to the US and gaining refugee status. We've all seen the terrifying images of ICE agents ramming doors and marching residents, elderly US citizens with no criminal record, out into the snow in their underwear and slippers. I experience these images with a shocked disbelief, but my family members experience them with a terrifying sense of Deja vu. **Our family's 2026 adaptation: Sleep fully clothed for the sake of dignity in case they come.** Each of these "adaptations" which immigrant Americans have to make today erase the lines between our society and culture and the infamous terror of the world's most repressive authoritarian regimes.

Throughout our US history, according to law, only judicial warrants signed by judges can authorize a forced entry into someone's home. ICE has declared itself above the law and the Constitution in violation of the Fourth Amendment. In Oregon, we can pass HB 4114 to specifically preserve and protect this crucial constitutional right and provide recourse to hold ICE agents accountable for harm done to persons whose rights they have violated.

As a parent, grandparent and community member, I need to know that my family members and neighbors are safe, and that government agents can't force their way into our homes, churches or schools without proper judicial authority. The choice we face is to uplift and reinforce protections that we have always had under the Fourth Amendment, or to allow the dangerous creeping of lawless terror and its immeasurable harm to hardworking neighbors, families and children in our communities.

I support HB 4114 and emphatically urge you to vote yes to pass it. In this historic moment Oregon's resistance to injustice is crucial.