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Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan and members of the committee,

My name is Emily Barton and I live in Corvallis, OR. I am a citizen and a brown woman with both Latina and Indigenous heritage though I'm not tribal affiliated. I am writing in strong support of HB 4114 known as the Protect Your Door Act.

Immigrant Oregonians, our families, and communities have been targeted by violent, lawless ICE sweeps resulting in community-wide fear and devastating family separations. No family should have to plan for parents being torn from their children.

These reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified response. Oregonians know we are stronger together. When immigrant communities are targeted, families struggle, our economy suffers, and critical systems are pushed to a breaking point.

The Protect Your Door Act strengthens our constitutional rights to be secure in our own homes. If anyone violates our constitutional protections by entering our home without a valid warrant signed by a judge or our consent then we can sue them personally for damages and harm they have caused. Our constitutional rights are only meaningful when enforceable. Families across the state and country have seen their Constitutional rights violated without accountability. HB 4114 holds individuals personally responsible for infringing on someone's right to privacy and security in their home.

I don't want to feel unsafe in my home and I'm very concerned about my neighbors as well. This bill protects our families from unconstitutional home intrusions amid expanding enforcement. Recent reporting shows that federal immigration agents have begun claiming they can enter private homes without a judge-signed warrant — relying instead on internal “administrative warrants” to arrest someone with a final removal order. This sharply contradicts longstanding Constitutional protections against unreasonable searches and seizures. ? It creates real accountability when enforcement overreach happens — especially where current checks are weak or ignored. Under current practice, there is little to no meaningful remedy when government agents violate someone's Constitutional rights in their home. Especially

in immigration raids, administrative warrants are issued by agency officials — not neutral judges — and have long been viewed by legal experts as an insufficient basis for forced entry. HB 4114 would hold individuals personally responsible for unlawful home entries, giving families in immigrant communities the ability to sue for damages and harm caused, not just file abstract civil rights claims. This kind of enforceability matters most where federal enforcement is aggressive and constitutional protections are being tested.

? It helps restore trust and safety in immigrant communities and for citizens who may appear to be non-white.

Communities across the country are living with heightened fear that agents might enter homes without proper judicial oversight. This fear undermines basic community stability, keeps people from seeking health care or reporting crimes, and corrodes trust in law and government. Strengthening Constitutional protections through HB 4114 would signal that constitutional rights apply to everyone equally, including immigrants and mixed-status families, and that unlawful intrusions will have consequences. That reassurance can reduce fear, improve cooperation with local public safety, and protect everyday life in immigrant households.

The Protect Your Door Act 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 urge you to support these community-led policies to protect the freedoms of all Oregonians

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