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Thank you for taking the time to read this statement of support for HB 4079.

I am a retired physician, wife, mother, grandmother, 30+ year resident of Eugene, and concerned US citizen. These are unprecedented times with situations that I could not have imagined in our country, our state, our city and our schools. HB 4079 seeks to provide clear guidance for managing these unwanted intrusions on our schools.

While the hope is that schools not have to deal with federal immigration officers coming on campus, it is better to be well prepared with everyone knowing what to do. It is important that policies and procedures be in place so that the response of school or college personnel is appropriate for maintaining a safe learning environment that respects the rights and confidentiality of students. When educators know that there are policies in place to protect to the greatest extent possible, they feel safer and can pass that reassurance on to their students. When students feel safer, they can focus better on the important task of learning. We want our children to have the opportunity to mature into responsible, compassionate adults and citizens, who are also well educated.

Please support HB 4079.

Thank you for your time.

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