

To: House Committee on Education
Subject: Support HB 4079 To Safeguard Students and Families

Chair Hudson and all the members of the House Committee on Education.

I am writing to express my strong support for **House Bill 4079**, legislation that safeguards students and families by reinforcing protections that ensure access to education, safety, and essential services regardless of immigration status.

I write to you not only as a parent, but also as a Youth Engagement Specialist who works directly with high school students, and as a community advocate who consistently listens to and voices the concerns I see and hear from families in our community. I have also lived in Oregon my entire life, and I care deeply about the well-being, dignity, and future of the students and families who call this state home.

In my work with youth and families, I witness firsthand how fear and uncertainty can directly impact student attendance, mental health, and academic engagement. Schools must remain safe, trusted spaces where students and families feel secure seeking education and support. HB 4079 helps affirm that trust by establishing clear safeguards and boundaries that allow educational institutions to remain focused on learning, stability, and student success.

When families feel safe and informed, students are better positioned to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. HB 4079 strengthens the foundation for that success by promoting transparency, accountability, and protections that support Oregon's commitment to inclusive and equitable education for all.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 4079 and continue advancing policies that protect the dignity, safety, and educational opportunities of Oregon's students and families. Thank you for your time, leadership, and dedication to our communities.

Sincerely,
Francisco Rodriguez