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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4150

The Steering Committee of Indivisible Forest Grove strongly supports House Bill 4150. The state of Oregon refusing to do business with contractors who help transport people for deportation is entirely in the spirit of our state sanctuary law.

Immigrants are an integral part of our business and community life here in Forest Grove and throughout Washington County. Immigrants are our neighbors, our children's playmates, our business associates, our teachers and students, many of our political leaders. Many are valued members of Indivisible Forest Grove.

Indivisible Forest Grove takes note of 350 detentions, by ICE and CBP, of Washington County residents in 2025, and ongoing actions of ICE and CBP in our area in 2026.

These detentions are often unnecessarily violent, frequently unsupported by any charges whatever, and are simply based on skin color, accent, or kind of job worked. Sometimes detainees' cars are left idling in the street, personal belongings on the seats. Families are deprived of their breadwinners, children are deprived of their parents, our community is deprived of valued neighbors and friends. This is indeed an emergency.

We support immediate passage of HB 4150.

Sincerely,

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