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House Committee on Judiciary

RE: HB 4114 (Protect Your Door)

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

My name is Jamie Pang, and I am the Director of Programs of Oregon Just Transition Alliance. We are a movement of frontline communities, community-based and BIPOC led advocacy groups, facing environmental and economic injustice. I write today, in support of HB 4114.

Speaking personally, and as a representative of over 20 alliance members, immigrants and people of color are scared. They are scared to leave their homes, go to work, and be in public. Many of them no longer feel welcome in a country they were born and raised in. There have been several times where I, even as a person of relative privilege, have also not wanted to be out and about in town, or go into Portland- not because I have done something criminally, but because all evidence from around the nation shows that federal ICE agents are taking US citizens based on how they look, rather than criminal records. There have been several times I have worried about the safety of my own family members and friends- not because of criminal records, but because my mother saw ICE agents in the parking lot at the Asian grocery store. Additionally, our members have decreased their involvement in public rallies and events, due to fears of being taken because of racial profiling. This is a disservice to public engagement and civic engagement.

The Protect Your Door Act strengthens our constitutional rights to be secure in our own homes. If anyone violates constitutional protections by entering our home without a valid warrant signed by a judge or our consent then, HB 4114 allows the victims to sue personally for damages and harm they have caused.

This is the least Oregon can do to encourage federal agents to think twice before unlawfully entering someone's residence. The next three years and beyond are not going to be easy for our state and communities. I implore you to take action to protect our immigrant communities.

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