

TO: House Committee on Judiciary
SUBJECT: Support HB 4114 - Protect Your Door Act

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

My name is Emily Bookstein and I live in Portland (97236). I'm a voter, a local nonprofit employee, and a queer and Jewish community member. 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.

The Jewish history I learned growing up – about how Jews in Eastern Europe had their rights systemically whittled away until surveillance turned into violence; how many of their neighbors stood idly by or even aided and abetted their oppression; how some neighbors instead bravely risked their lives to protect or help – shows me the importance to standing up for immigrant communities who are being targeted in this moment.

We need to protect immigrant 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. This is how even more wide-scale violence and human rights abuses start. We MUST stop the degradation of democracy and due process.

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.

Sincerely,
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