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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1581

I am writing today to urge you to stand on the right side of history and support immigrant justice.

The Immigrant Justice Package keeps families together, protects children, and prevents further harm by pairing smart, cost-effective investments with commonsense protections. It ensures access to legal representation so families are not torn apart simply because they cannot afford a lawyer. It protects access to health care and food so children can grow, learn, and stay healthy. And it strengthens state protections to prevent abuse, retaliation, discrimination, and the misuse of personal data.

The 2026 Immigrant Justice Package includes:

Critical Investments:

Universal Representation & Children's Stability Fund - HB 4117

Maintain the Healthier Oregon Program

School Meals For All - SB 1581

Emergency Food Benefits

Oregon Hunger Response Fund

Protect SNAP

Budget-Neutral Protections:

Safeguarding Students and Families - HB 4079

Stop Data Brokers from Sharing Our Info - SB 1587

Protect Your Door Act - HB 4114

Public Contracts Prohibition - HB 4150

Anti-Discrimination Protections - HB 4111

Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA) - HB 4138

Healthcare without Fear - SB 1570

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.

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,
Ms. Ericka Thessen
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