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HB4114

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Denise Piza, and I submit this testimony as a constituent in support of HB 4114, the Protect Your Door Act, as amended. The views expressed here are my own.

For me, this bill is about whether our homes are truly protected spaces, or whether constitutional rights stop at the doorstep when government power is involved. The Fourth Amendment exists to protect people from unchecked intrusion into their private lives, but those protections only matter if they can be enforced.

Across our communities, people are experiencing government entry into their homes or other protected spaces without clear authority, without explanation, and without any real way to challenge what happened. When that occurs, the harm is not abstract. It shows up as fear, trauma, and a loss of trust that stays with families long after an operation ends.

This matters deeply to me because of who is most impacted. Working families and institutionally marginalized communities are more likely to experience government overreach and less likely to have the resources to push back. Children, elders, people with disabilities, and people with serious medical conditions are often present during these encounters and carry the impact even when they are not the intended target.

Homes, schools, places of worship, medical facilities, and shelters should be places of safety. When those spaces are entered without proper authority or accountability, the harm extends beyond one individual. It affects entire communities and reinforces the message that some people's rights are easier to ignore than others'.

HB 4114 matters because it makes clear that constitutional rights are not optional. It creates accountability when boundaries are crossed and makes it possible for people to seek real remedies when harm occurs. This is not about punishing lawful conduct. It is about ensuring that power is exercised responsibly and within the limits the Constitution sets.

No one should be above the law. Rights only mean something if they can be defended, and safety cannot exist without accountability.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support HB 4114.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Piza