

Dear Legislators,

I am writing on behalf of **Indivisible Forest Grove**, a group focused on improving and safeguarding our community, to ask you to help protect our immigrant neighbors. **Over the past few months nearly 350 members of our community have been taken by ICE.** Many members of our community are afraid to leave their homes as they can't be sure they will not be targeted because of their appearance.

Oregon's Sanctuary Promise Law, passed nearly 40 years ago, provides protection for all citizens regardless of their backgrounds. As citizens, we expected that all law enforcement agencies and other state agencies will treat all Oregonians equally and fairly. However, we know that this does not happen, as personal bias can easily replace 'fair and equal' treatment. We also know that some of our law enforcement agencies have not complied with the spirit of the Sanctuary Promise Law.

We **support passing SB 1594** and its stated goal of creating *model policies, standards and procedures* related to the enforcement of federal immigration laws in compliance with Oregon values and laws. We want all Oregonians safe and we agree that the protections this bill offers can help us move in the right direction. Further, we hope that this bill's declaration of a *state of emergency* will result in a quick production of the *model policies, standards and procedures* that Oregon agencies and law enforcement will use.

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