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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4150

Dear Members of the Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legislation relating to recipients of public funds that directs state agencies to require prospective contractors, subcontractors, and grant recipients to attest that they do not—and will not—transport individuals detained by federal agencies for the purpose of deportation, except in accordance with judicial orders.

This legislation is a necessary and timely step to ensure that public funds are used responsibly and in alignment with our state's values. Taxpayer dollars should not be used, directly or indirectly, to facilitate deportation practices that often lack transparency, due process, or adequate oversight. Requiring clear attestations from recipients of public funds establishes an important safeguard and accountability mechanism for how those funds are used.

The bill does not obstruct lawful processes. By allowing transportation pursuant to judicial orders, it appropriately respects the rule of law while drawing a clear boundary against participation in non-judicial deportation activities. This balance is critical. It ensures that state resources are not entangled in federal immigration enforcement actions that may conflict with state priorities, community trust, or human rights principles.

Communities across our state—including immigrant families, workers, and mixed-status households—are deeply impacted by how government entities and contractors operate. Policies like this help preserve trust in public institutions and ensure that individuals can access public services without fear that state-funded entities are contributing to their harm or displacement.

Declaring this measure an emergency underscores the urgency of protecting both vulnerable communities and the integrity of public spending. I urge you to support and pass this legislation and reaffirm our state's commitment to fairness, accountability, and the responsible use of public funds.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,
Tanya Macedo