

HB 4114 Support Protect Your Door Act

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 4114. My name is Isela Ramos Gonzalez. I'm a resident of Washington County, a union member, a lawyer, and a proud member of the immigrant workers rights community in Oregon. The 4th Amendment is a founding value of American democracy; it protects individuals from unreasonable search and seizure by the government and yet, today is meaningless without urgent action by the Oregon State Legislature. HB 4114 provides an opportunity for accountability for all Oregonians who are subject to warrantless searches and seizures in their home, car, church, and hospital at the hands of federal agents. The Federal Tort Claims Act is considered a "weak mechanism"ⁱ for government accountability and does not provide for individual liability, important when federal agents conduct immigration enforcement with little training or use excessive force resulting in deadly tragedy. The FTCA could be a stronger mechanism if individuals could point to a specific statuteⁱⁱ. Such is the opportunity you have before you with HB 4114. Thank you for your time.

ⁱ <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/why-it-is-difficult-sue-ice-agents-2026-01-15/>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.acslaw.org/expertforum/when-ice-agents-break-the-law-can-victims-sue-the-supreme-court-hints-yes-will-the-eleventh-circuit-listen/>