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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Chair Hudson and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Teresa Alonso Leon, a former State Representative for HD22, a community leader, and a small business owner. I am writing to express my support for HB4114, which safeguards our Fourth Amendment right to be secure in our homes. If these rights are violated through illegal entry, individuals should have the legal recourse to seek damages.

We are currently experiencing a period reminiscent of the civil rights movement, where many feel unsafe in their own homes—spaces they once considered secure. This fear stems from ICE operations that often involve forcibly entering homes based on suspicion, regardless of whether the individual lives there or not. Such actions frequently result in property damage and emotional distress for families.

Families affected by these invasions face the burden of repairing or replacing damaged property, including doors and personal belongings, even if the search yields no evidence or the targeted individual is not found. It is unjust to hold families financially responsible for damages caused during these unwarranted searches.

Therefore, I urge the passage of HB4114 to hold individuals accountable for entering a home without a warrant signed by a judge, without consent, or in the absence of a legitimate emergency. This legislation is essential to protect citizens' constitutional rights and prevent unnecessary harm and property loss caused by illegal entries.

Thank you for time,

Teresa Alonso Leon