



House Committee on Judiciary

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RE: Support HB 4138, the Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallen, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Marisol Mora. I am both a proud Oregonian, having lived in this wonderful state for the majority of my life, and equally, a proud Mexican immigrant.

I am also the Advocacy Director at Next Up Action Fund. A youth-focused organization dedicated to creating a more just Oregon by uplifting and centering young people.

Growing up in Salem, I was immersed in a vibrant community of immigrants of all backgrounds; children, students, parents, aunts, uncles, elders, and everyday people. I can vividly recall the topic of law enforcement, especially federal agencies, being one that caused innate anxiety, even if it wasn't always discussed. It was a hushed, yet pervasive anxiety.

Today, this anxiety has only worsened, and it is now at the forefront of the lives of thousands of Oregonians; whether they are directly or

indirectly impacted by the violent immigration raids happening across the state. **When one neighbor is forcibly taken from their community without due process, when one neighbor is threatened for simply exercising their right to observe, when one neighbor is missing for weeks or months without a trace, that affects us all.**

Masked agents are intentionally concealing their face, operating across our neighborhoods without visible identification badges, and refusing to identify themselves or share which agency they belong to. Simply put, this is an act of power without oversight resulting in more anxiety and terror for Oregonians who are just trying to exist.

The Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act will require that all agencies in Oregon, create and publish both a face covering policy and a visible identification policy. This will ensure that agents operating on duty are unmasked and clearly identifiable, and that they display identification like their name, badge number, and which agency they represent (with the exception of limited circumstances). **Oregonians deserve so much more humanity than what they are being afforded; and at the bare minimum, they deserve the dignity to know who they are interacting with.**

I also want to emphasize the section of House Bill 4138 that creates a firewall between state public employees and the federal government.

House Bill 4138 prohibits employees of public bodies, such as public universities, from *voluntarily or intentionally* assisting in operations conducted by federal or out-of-state law enforcement agencies

This piece is especially important to Next Up Action Fund as we work with students across Oregon's public universities who are experiencing fear going to classes, gathering on campus, or seeking services at their university; and it is vital that students know they can trust that their university will not voluntarily cooperate or lend resources, money, time, and so on, to these agencies. Oregon, among many other states, has experienced a rise in targeted attacks on international students whose visas have been revoked by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security without cause, including incidents at the University of Oregon, Portland State University, and Oregon State University ([according to a tracker from Inside Higher Ed](#)). **Equally, House Bill 4138 protects public employees by assuring them that they can refuse to cooperate with unconstitutional and unwarranted demands.**

Next Up Action Fund urges you to support House Bill 4138. Great responsibility rests with the Oregon Legislature to pass legislation that reinforces that Oregonians have a right to safety, transparency, and accountability.

Thank you.

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