

Submitter: Wendy Friedman
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4150

I have been volunteering with Oregon Community Asylum Network, OCAN, since 2021. We are a small non-profit in Lane County, serving the immigrant community. I strongly support The Immigrant Justice Package because it keeps families together, protects children, and prevents further harm by pairing smart, cost-effective investments with commonsense protections. It ensures access to legal representation so families are not torn apart simply because they cannot afford a lawyer. It protects access to health care and food so children can grow, learn, and stay healthy. And it strengthens state protections to prevent abuse, retaliation, discrimination, and the misuse of personal data.

I have seen first hand the impact of the federal policy on immigration over the past year. It's devastating to watch families lose their primary breadwinner following an ICE raid. Families are becoming desperate to pay rent, find employment, feed their families and survive.

Sincerely,
Wendy Friedman