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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4150

My name is Carolyn Claridge and I am writing as a concerned Oregonian, teacher, and mother.

I am providing testimony for passing HB4150, requiring all agencies that are awarded a contract must attest they will not help transport people for deportation.

I have closely been following the detentions and lawlessness of ICE and DHS across the country for the past year. These detentions or kidnappings rather have struck fear into the country and also my community here in Oregon. And the lack of judicial jurisdiction that is present in the majority of these kidnappings is appalling. It is ethically and morally wrong to spend Oregonians tax dollars to transport those who are illegally detained. As a sanctuary state, allowing agencies to do so lands closely to cooperating with the federal government over immigration issues. As an Oregonian, I would expect we would stand up for due process and the rights of others along with community safety before we cave to the federal government and use our own public funds to do so.

I feel I need to testify to make sure everyone present knows that your constituents are watching and we are looking for anyway we can to stop or at the least slow these criminal activities down. We are a sanctuary state and this legislation would strengthen that establishment. This bill is a step in a more reassuring direction. It shows you're listening.

I would also encourage other legislature be put in place to keep all of our public funds out of the reach of anyone who is state contracted through ICE and DHS without legal authority. Higher ethical standards should be put in place for all government contracts paid for by public funds.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will consider my testimony as you move forward with this legislation.

Carolyn Claridge