

Chair Hudson, Vice Chair Dobson, Vice Chair McIntire, and Members of the House Education Committee:

Please vote YES for HB 4079 - Safeguarding Students and Families Bill.

As a teacher for 32 years, I can't imagine the trauma that children would face if masked agents, armed with semi-automatic rifles, stormed onto school grounds. Further, if these thugs were to abduct a child or a parent waiting to pick up a child, well, I really have no words for the horror of such an action.

I am deeply saddened that anyone would think this is okay. No matter where you stand on the topic of deportation of undocumented people, there are some places that should be sacrosanct: schools, churches, hospitals, and courthouses, to name a few.

Are federal agents so lazy or incompetent that they have to raid such easy targets as schools? I imagine in their free time they must shoot fish in a barrel or buffalo in pens for sport. All schools need a plan to protect children from these untrained barbarians that think nothing of standing safely on a roof top while shooting tear gas and flash bangs at peaceful protesters, including children, elderly citizens, and pets!

<https://www.opb.org/article/2026/01/31/labor-against-ice-portland-oregon-immigration-protest/>

This bill alone is not enough, but it's one piece of the package that the Oregon legislature must pass this session to protect the people of our communities from the chaos and cruelty of our current federal government.

Thank you Rep McDonald, Senator Neron Misslin, Rep Andersen, Rep Chotzen, Rep Fragala, Rep Ruiz, and Senator Frederick for sponsoring this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

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