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On Behalf Of:

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Honorable Chair Sosa and Members of the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 4150. It seems to me that when the history of this political era of state rights vs federal authority is written, one of the major themes will be the struggle for due process under the law. It is a set of binary options: one either supports due process for all residents in our country or permits excluding classes of residents like immigrants, for example, from the same rights afforded all others under the U.S. Constitution. I'm not a lawyer, but I grew up in the post-World War II era when the risk of excluding some was eloquently expressed in one phrase after the war ended. Every American school child heard it and knew what it meant: "First they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak out . . ."

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 4150, so that all Oregon residents are protected under the same set of rules.

Thank you.

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