



Testimony to the House House Committee On Judiciary

Re: HB 4114

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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations

Re: Oregon Environmental Council support for HB 4114

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallen and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC), a non-partisan, environmental nonprofit that works at the nexus of human health and the environment, I write to express OEC's strong support for HB 4114 Protect Your Door Act. Immigrant Oregonians, our families, and communities have been targeted by violent, lawless ICE sweeps resulting in community-wide fear and devastating family separations. No family should have to plan for parents being torn from their children. These reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified response. When immigrant communities are targeted, families struggle, our economy suffers, and critical systems are pushed to a breaking point.

The Protect Your Door Act strengthens our constitutional rights to be secure in our own homes. If a federal agent, or agent from another state violates our constitutional protections by entering our home without a valid warrant signed by a judge or our consent, then we can sue them for the harm they have caused. Our constitutional rights are only meaningful when enforceable. Families across the state and country have seen their Constitutional rights violated without accountability. The ongoing injustice is unacceptable on its own merits, but the resulting environment of fear also undermines basic community cohesion and functioning. People stop seeking health care or reporting crimes, and trust in law enforcement, government and community groups suffers.

HB 4114 holds individuals personally responsible for infringing on our right to privacy and security in our homes. This commonsense bill will restore some of the trust and safety in our communities that allows our society to function. When we live with heightened fear that agents might enter our homes without proper judicial oversight, it makes neighborhoods freeze in fear. Consider scouts selling cookies, a neighbor looking for a lost pet, the kid down the street stopping by to play or utility workers upgrading meters. All of these activities stop functioning when people are afraid to open their door. We all have problems to solve and they often require neighbors coming together with solutions— something we cannot do when communities cower under a shadow of fear. Oregonians across the state value constitutional protections whether it's free speech, the right to self defense or to be secure in their homes

The Protect Your Door Act is part of the 2026 Immigrant Justice Package and is backed by a broad coalition of immigrant justice advocates, civil liberties groups, unions, and community based organizations. Please support these policies that protect the freedoms of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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