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HB4114

Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Juan Pedro Moreno Olmeda, and I am a lifelong resident of Hillsboro Oregon and a community advocate. I am here to express my strong support for House Bill 4114 and to urge this legislature to go further by ending ICE operations in our state and communities altogether. I want to be very clear this bill is not enough to protect us, I am also here to demand we Ban ICE from our state to protect our communities from this unjust terror.

HB 4114 is a great step toward protecting the safety, dignity, and the civil rights of our people living in Oregon. By requiring federal and out-of-state law enforcement to provide notice, properly identify themselves, and respect sensitive locations.

For immigrant, refugee, and mixed-status families, unannounced and unaccountable enforcement actions do not feel like “law enforcement.” It feels like chaos and terrorism. Yes I really mean that. They are terrorizing our communities.

ICE operations have historically relied on fear, deception, and racial profiling, often targeting people at courthouses, workplaces, near schools and places of worship. Nowhere feels safe for us anymore. These tactics destabilize families, traumatize children, and erode trust in all public institutions. We need you to step up by supporting policies a part of the immigration package, AND by banning ICE.

WE cannot allow federal agents to operate without transparency, oversight, or respect for our communities. The civil cause of action created by this bill is especially important, because it ensures there are real consequences when agents violate the law and harm our communities. Once again, we must hold these imbeciles accountable for their actions when they step out of line.

ICE has repeatedly shown that it cannot operate in a way that aligns with community safety, racial justice, or human dignity. Its presence makes people afraid to report crimes, seek medical care, attend school meetings, or access basic services. That is not public safety. That is state-sanctioned fear and terrorism.

If Oregon truly wants to be a place where everyone can live without fear regardless of immigration status, then we must take the next step and ban ICE from operating in our state so that they can no longer terrorize our communities.

I urge you to pass HB 4114, alongside other bills that are a part of the immigration package, and to treat it as a foundation, not a finish line. Our communities deserve to feel safe and have rights to protect themselves.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to protecting all Oregonians,

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