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Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Wallan and Chotzen, and members of the committee,

My name is Ira Cuello-Martinez and I am providing testimony on behalf of PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union.

PCUN represents farmworkers and working Latine families across the state who are deeply rooted in our communities, contribute daily to our agricultural economy, and deserve to live without fear, uncertainty, or disruption to their safety and livelihoods. HB 4114, the Protect Your Door Act, offers important protections for Oregon communities by establishing clear expectations and accountability when federal or out-of-state law enforcement agents are operating here.

HB 4114 creates a civil cause of action when individual federal or out-of-state law enforcement agents enter private property or sensitive spaces without proper legal basis and fail to comply with identification rules. This civil remedy offers everyday Oregonians a means to seek redress and remedies when rights are violated. It is consistent with Oregon's commitment to due process and civil liberties.

Although our communities do not feel safe coming to the capitol, I want to uplift their voices by sharing their stories and experiences with you today. These quotes are translated from Spanish to English. One worker says:

“The government is not protecting the people. They are harassing and abusing their power. We need to defend the Constitution and human rights. The government must remember that power belongs to the people. We, the people, must remember that we are the ones who create the laws and bring about change.”

Another worker says the following:

“I am very afraid because they don't respect people. I am already a citizen, but I feel terrified because my family works outside. But immigrants must defend themselves and show our identity. We demand that legislators support us. That ICE agents require an arrest warrant in the person's name, and if they don't have a warrant, they shouldn't touch us! They don't have the right, and if they harm us,

we should have the right to sue them. Because my daughter is very scared because she says that immigration will take us away. She was born here. My children and I are citizens. I'm saying this because ICE is not respecting people's status."

As you have heard, our community is not only afraid, but they are angry. We all deserve to have our constitutional rights protected. You can find their full written testimonies on OLIS.

The Protect Your Door Act ensures that law enforcement actions are conducted safely and that agents are held accountable if rights or procedures are violated. It affirms that residents deserve clarity and dignity when interactions happen on their property or in sensitive locations.

For these reasons, PCUN strongly supports HB 4114 and urges this committee to advance the bill.

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