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Avelo out of Salem

HB 4150 - No State Contracts with ICE | Public Dollars, Public Trust  
House Commerce and Consumer Protections Committee

Chair, Vice Chairs and members of the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

My name is Elise Strauss, and I am here today representing Avelo Out of Salem in support of HB 4150. I am also a Human Rights Observer and a volunteer with Salem Region Indivisible and Mano a Mano Family Center.

As someone who has seen first-hand what ICE can do to a community, HB 4150 is an opportunity to put our values into action and let people know that we will not tolerate the Department of Homeland Security, in any way, as a business partner in our State.

The very act of deporting and disappearing citizens without due process is illegal, and the shackles and chains on each and every man, woman, and child on those flights is intentionally cruel. Profiting off human suffering is not something that should be tolerated in Oregon. We won a victory in keeping Avelo out of Salem. I am asking you to keep up this momentum by voting for HB 4150. Because it matters that Avelo no longer does business in Oregon and it matters that we will not allow our college sports teams to charter airlines that have deportation contracts with the Department of Homeland Security.

I will use my white privilege now and say that we haven't done nearly enough to show our immigrant neighbors that they are valued and important. That they matter to us. But, with HB 4150 we can. We can tell them that the state of Oregon refuses to do business with corporations in league with DHS.

Every day I read and hear statements that strongly object to what DHS is doing. I want more than hollow words. I want to know that Oregon stands by our immigrant neighbors and will not participate in business practices that tear families apart.

Please vote for HB 4150. Please turn your votes into accountability.

Thank you.