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

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

For the record, my name is Mark Fromuth, and I'm here on behalf of Avelo Out of Eugene to express my strong support for HB 4150.

I got involved in this issue because what was happening in our community didn't sit right with me, and it still doesn't. When Avelo began operating deportation flights, many of us in Eugene started hearing stories directly from neighbors, coworkers, and family members who were terrified. Parents afraid to drive to work. Kids afraid to go to school. Entire households living in constant uncertainty.

These were not abstract policy debates. These were real people being removed from their lives with very little transparency and often without meaningful access to legal process. And what made it worse was learning that the same company involved in these deportations was also seeking to operate and benefit economically in Oregon communities.

HB 4150 matters because it draws a line that should have been drawn a long time ago. It says that our state does not have to be complicit. That while the federal government may choose to carry out immigration enforcement in certain ways, Oregon does not have to financially reward companies that profit from harm, trauma, and family separation.

This bill also matters because of what happens when there aren't clear rules. Without a policy like this, communities are forced into crisis mode over and over again. We have to scramble to organize, to protest, to beg decision-makers to listen, every single time a company like Avelo tries to enter or re-enter our state. That's exhausting, and it puts the burden on impacted families instead of on the systems that should be protecting them.

HB 4150 shifts that burden where it belongs. It creates predictability. It creates accountability. And it tells communities like mine that their state government is paying attention and is willing to act before harm occurs, not after.

At the end of the day, this bill is about responsibility. If a company wants to do business in Oregon and benefit from public dollars, it should not be doing so at the expense of the very people who make up our communities.

I urge you to support HB 4150. Thank you for your time.