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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4117

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 4117.

Over the last year we have seen too many examples of immigrants being taken into custody by ICE or Border Patrol, immigrants who have lawful residence status here in the United States, immigrants who have “played by the rules.” Many are being detained or deported without being afforded the due process to which they are entitled. Additionally, many immigrants do not have the financial means to fight their case in court.

House Bill HB 4117 provides funding that helps immigrants from our state afford legal counsel when challenging detention and/or deportation. The amount of money this bill adds to the Universal Representation Fund is modest. By providing this funding our state demonstrates its commitment to our status as a sanctuary state and to the humane/Christian values of Oregonians.

I ask you, the members of the House Committee on Judiciary, to support this bill and pass it into law.

Thank you,

John O’Donoghue