TO: House Judiciary Committee
SUBJECT: Support Universal Representation HB 4117

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the House Judiciary committee,

My name is Nanci Vasquez Rios and I live in Hillsboro, Oregon. I have been an Immigration Attorney at Adelante Mujeres since 2023. I am writing in strong support of Universal Representation, HB 4117.

Immigrant Oregonians, our families, and communities have been targeted by violent, and inhumane, and lawless ICE sweeps resulting in community-wide fear and devastating family separations. No family should have to plan for parents being torn from their children. These reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified state response. Universal Representation has already supported over 20,000 immigrant Oregonians. Demand has surged 4,000% since last year.

I support HB 4117 because everyone deserves due process and families belong together. I support Universal Representation because I have seen firsthand the devastating effects of the ongoing immigration detentions in our communities. I work with immigrant families everyday and share their feelings of fear and stress. The current administration creates policies and new rules every day that negatively impact the immigrant community. I know many families who are scared to leave their homes and send their children to school.

Through Universal Representation, I have helped families obtain work permits, apply for various forms of immigration relief, and provided accompaniment to their immigration hearings. Universal Representation's statewide network allows us to continue providing these services.

Universal Representation is part of the 2026 Immigrant Justice Package and is backed by a broad coalition of immigrant justice advocates, unions, and community-based organizations. I urge you to support these community-led policies to protect the freedom of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,
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