

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Liz Fouter-Branch, and I serve as a Commissioner on the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs (OCBA). I am submitting this testimony on behalf of OCBA in strong support of House Bill 4114, the *Protect Your Door Act*.

This bill establishes clear standards for federal enforcement actions within Oregon and reaffirms the constitutional protections guaranteed under the Fourth Amendment, which protects all individuals from unreasonable search and seizure by the government. It ensures that our residents' rights to privacy – in their homes, persons, and property – are upheld and that enforcement activity is conducted only with probable cause.

For the sake of transparency, this Act would require federal agents to provide local authorities with at least 48 hours' notice prior to conducting immigration raids within any community in Oregon.

To strengthen accountability, HB 4114 empowers Oregonians to bring civil action against individual agents for any property damage or bodily harm that results in hospitalization – even in cases where detention is later deemed lawful.

This measure is part of the broader Immigrant Justice Package, sponsored by Representatives Muñoz, Ruiz, and members of the BIPOC Caucus. The communities they represent, like many across our state, have long endured the devastating impact of immigration raids – particularly in sensitive locations such as schools, hospitals and clinics, churches, social service centers, courthouses, and senior living facilities.

These spaces should be sanctuaries, not scenes of fear. Raids have instilled anxiety and trauma in our children, families, and elders. As a commissioner and community advocate, it is exasperating to witness the harm inflicted on Oregonians simply for seeking safety and belonging.

For these reasons, we urge your support of HB 4114 to establish clear policies and safeguards governing immigration enforcement in Oregon. This bill reflects our shared values of justice, dignity, and transparency for all who call our state home.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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