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Testimony in Support of HB 4111

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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 4111. For the record, my name is Shannon Wight, and I am the Deputy Director at Partnership for Safety and Justice (PSJ). PSJ advocates for public safety policies that ensure accountability, equity, and healing for people convicted of crime, crime survivors, and the families and communities of both. For over 25 years, our work has promoted community and public safety with policies that keep families together, reduce racial disparities, and invest across Oregon.

People make Oregon their home because they dream of what we all want - to live safely, care for our families, and contribute to our communities. Many immigrant and refugee Oregonians have faced unimaginable circumstances and are fleeing religious persecution or political violence. And yet, they have made Oregon their home and are contributing to Oregon's economy and workforce. They are our friends, teachers, healthcare workers and neighbors.

PSJ strongly supports HB 4111. One of the core components of this bill is strengthening Oregon's anti-profiling law. Such a change will ensure someone's immigration status is not used as a pretext for a potential detention.

Over the last several months, Oregon has seen immigrant and refugee families torn apart by the actions of the federal government. Children are left wondering where their parents have been taken, and families have been thrown into economic instability.

Improving our state's protections to support these communities, particularly in the current moment, is why PSJ is proud to have endorsed the Immigrant Justice Package (IJP) for the 2026 session.

We urge the Legislature's passage of HB 4111, and thank you for your consideration.