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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4079

I am writing today to urge you to support immigrant justice.

The Immigrant Justice Package keeps families together, protects children, and prevents further harm by pairing smart, cost-effective investments with commonsense protections. It ensures access to legal representation so families are not torn apart simply because they cannot afford a lawyer. It protects access to health care and food so children can grow, learn, and stay healthy. And it strengthens state protections to prevent abuse, retaliation, discrimination, and the misuse of personal data.

The 2026 Immigrant Justice Package includes:

Critical Investments:

Universal Representation & Children's Stability Fund - HB 4117  
Maintain the Healthier Oregon Program  
School Meals For All - SB 1581  
Emergency Food Benefits  
Oregon Hunger Response Fund  
Protect SNAP

Budget-Neutral Protections:

Safeguarding Students and Families - HB 4079  
Protect Oregon Data - SB 1587  
Protect Your Door Act - HB 4114  
Public Contracts Prohibition - HB 4150  
Anti-Discrimination Protections - HB 4111  
Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA) - HB 4138  
Healthcare without Fear - SB 1570

As a teacher, I have seen first hand the effect of ICE on my students and their families. My students have family members who are long-standing members of the community snatched by ICE. Some of my students feel like they can't go outside to do normal things. This has to stop.

The 2026 Immigrant Justice Package and is backed by a broad coalition of immigrant justice advocates, civil liberties groups, unions, and community based organizations.

I urge you to support these community-led policies to protect the freedoms of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,  
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