



*Testimony in Support of HB 4114 (2026)- Protect Your Door*

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

My name is Kate Suisman. I am an attorney at the Northwest Workers' Justice Project (NWJP). Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important bill. We represent workers in low-wage jobs when bad things happen to them at work: when they are not paid, or are discriminated against for being in a protected class or are retaliated against for speaking up. Finally, we engage in policy advocacy and try to bring the important perspectives of workers in low-wage jobs and immigrant workers to these policy discussions.

The level of fear in immigrant and non-immigrant communities alike is higher than it has ever been due to extremely aggressive and indiscriminate immigration enforcement. In the past, we have at least felt comfortable in certain places- churches, hospitals, schools, courts and in our homes. But nothing feels safe when laws and norms are not being followed by our federal government, nor when state-sponsored violence is being inflicted on people of all ages, races, national origins and immigration statuses.

This is why I write in strong support of the Protect Your Door Act. We as a state should do all we can to strengthen our rights as Oregonians, even while our rights under federal law are under attack. This law is a bold approach that has been written to withstand legal challenges. It will allow owners and occupants of property to sue federal law enforcement agents who enter their property without a judicial warrant. (It also allows suits against law enforcement agents from states outside Oregon.) The plaintiff can seek economic and non-economic damages for such a violation.

This will hopefully give lawbreaking law enforcement officers a reason to think twice and act with less impunity. As many have said recently, the fox is currently guarding the hen house, when immigration warrants are only signed by the very agency, Department of Homeland Security, that is breaking the law on a daily basis. A judge should be the only one who allows these largely untrained agents to forcibly enter someone's sanctuary, their home.

The Protect Your Door Act is part of 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. Thank you.