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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4079

Dear Members of the Senate Education Committee:

Children need to feel safe in school

- It is difficult for children to be able to learn and be successful in school if they are stressed or anxious about what could happen.
- Children today already have other stressors, the most extreme of which is the fear of school shootings. They do not need the fear of ICE or Border Patrol to be added to what they already deal with.
- Students in Community College or University, while more mature than their younger counterparts in elementary, middle and high school, need a similarly safe and secure learning environment.

Members of the House Committee on Education, thank you for the work that you do on behalf of the people of Oregon. I urge you to vote in favor of moving this bill, HB 4079, out of committee and onto the house floor where, hopefully, it will be passed into law.

Sincerely,
Rick Varnum