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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4138

Chair and Members of the Senate,

I write in strong support of HB 4138 as it advances for consideration in the Oregon State Senate. My name is Kipperlyn Sinclair, I'm a Hillsboro City Councilor and 33 year resident of Hillsboro, Oregon. The opinions that I share are my own.

In late 2025, Hillsboro and greater Washington County became concentrated hotspots for federal immigration enforcement activity. Operations were carried out in neighborhoods, near workplaces, and in residential areas by individuals without clearly visible identification and in vehicles lacking clear agency markings. The result was widespread fear and destabilization across our communities.

Latino, immigrant, and refugee families in Hillsboro experienced real terror. Parents kept children home from school. Workers questioned whether it was safe to show up to their jobs. Residents hesitated to answer their doors because they could not determine whether the individuals outside were legitimate law enforcement officers. Regardless of immigration status, no Oregon resident should be left guessing who is exercising authority over them.

Residents are not asking for obstruction. They are asking for clarity.

HB 4138 provides that certainty. By requiring visible identification and clear agency affiliation during enforcement actions, this legislation reinforces transparency, protects against impersonation, and strengthens constitutional safeguards. Visibility does not weaken enforcement, it strengthens legitimacy and public trust.

When enforcement actions occur without clear identification, the entire community absorbs the impact. Public trust erodes. Cooperation with lawful authorities declines. Fear replaces stability. That is not sustainable governance.

Hillsboro and Washington County need clarity. Families need assurance that when someone presents themselves as law enforcement, they can verify that authority immediately and confidently.

HB 4138 restores that basic standard.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 4138 to ensure enforcement actions in Oregon are conducted with transparency, accountability, and respect for the communities

they affect.

Sincerely,
Kipperlyn Sinclair
Hillsboro City Councilor