

To members of the House Judiciary Committee,

As a citizen of The Dalles and a proponent of human dignity, I strongly support House Bill 4121 that will pave the way for ending NORCOR's ICE contract by instead providing state funding for the jail. This is an excellent solution and would be a huge step toward greater social justice in our communities. I strongly oppose our regional jail's being used as a prison for immigrants.

I believe the ICE contract with NORCOR, the last in a public jail in Oregon, violates our state's 1987 sanctuary law that was reaffirmed by voters in 2018.

Freeing our regional jail NORCOR from the ICE contract would go a long way to help the facility and staff meet its goals of restorative justice.

The presence of the ICE contract in our regional jail creates and deepens fear among immigrant communities in the Columbia Gorge and the state of Oregon.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely,

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