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Dear Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

I write to you today to urge you to pass HB 3265, The Sanctuary Promise Act. This piece of legislation will get us closer to a horizon in which all Oregonians feel their families are safe, secure and protected. As a person whose faith is rooted in the Christian tradition, I hold deeply in my heart that all people are created in the image of God and their dignity and humanity must be the first priority of our political policies. This piece of legislature does that by expanding our decades-old Sanctuary law so that more people in my community feel safe from unfair harassment and profiling going to work, going to get groceries, or driving to their places of worship.

I care about this bill because of the many stories I have heard from good people trying to live their lives as a contribution and blessing to our city and county, but who are also fearful and worried about even the simplest of daily tasks. I have seen their tears; I have seen them try to be strong for their children.

As a leader in the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMiJ), I am part of a network of people of faith and fierce love who have accompanied community members as they've navigated an immigration system that separates families and tears communities apart. While it can often be hard to see as we navigate language in a bill, this law is really about people and communities together ensuring that all Oregonians feel safer. I urge you to pass HB 3265.

Thank you for your work and attention,

Pastor Brennen Guillory