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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.

I care about this bill because I formerly worked with children at an afterschool art program. They came from all backgrounds, and many were immigrants or the children of immigrants. I had two students who were siblings. They were both incredible leaders, kind, creative, and good citizens. The older brother and their parents were undocumented, and his future, outlook, and safety were vastly different than his younger sister. We need to be creating a society that values both of them equally.

Thank you for your time and attention,

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