

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 create conditions in which Oregonians feel safe and secure. As a person of love and faith, it is important to me that our laws, practices and policies reflect our core beliefs and values and that they are centered in the humanity in each one of us. This piece of legislature does that by strengthening and expanding our existing Sanctuary law so that more people feel safe from unfair harassment and profiling as they go to work or school, get groceries or drive to their places of worship.

I care about this bill because I see the faces of children and their parents in my community and I worry about their safety, and if our laws and practices can protect them. I worry about our farmworkers and how much they sacrifice so that we can have the food we need. I hold in my heart families who come to our country fleeing persecution.

As a member of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIJ), I join with others who have accompanied community members as they've navigated an immigration system that separates families and tears communities apart.

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 service and attention,

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