

I am in total support of strengthening Oregon's Sanctuary Law. Through my work First Unitarian Portland to support immigrant justice , I am aware that many immigrants do not feel safe in going to work, taking their children to school, grocery shopping, or even appearing in court for a hearing. They feel the threat of being detained without warrants by ICE agents. As a psychologist, I am aware of the widespread effects of fear and trauma and when there is a breach of trust it frightens whole communities. My faith tells me that all people are entitled to the same protections, to be treated with respect and dignity, and to be able to move freely as they work and care for their families. And that when treated unfairly, all people may have the right of action, to sue if their rights are violated.

It is time to update Oregon's Sanctuary law and provide more protections for immigrants in this state who provide essential work as farmworkers and work in other industries.