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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 bill will get us closer to the basis in which all Oregonians feel their families are safe, secure and protected. As a person whose faith is rooted in the Christian tradition, I value that the humanity in all of us be centered in State policies. This bill does that by expanding our 34-year-old Sanctuary law so that more people in my community feel safe from unfair harassment and profiling while going to work, going to shop for groceries or driving to their places of worship.

I care about this bill because I have friends in this community who are afraid to drive their children to school or shop for groceries. They fear that they may be profiled and stopped by law enforcement. A woman in distress because of domestic violence is afraid to get police protection because she can't trust that the police may not turn her over to ICE. All Oregonians want to live in communities where the Sanctuary law is strong enough to protect them.

Passing this bill will move us closer to getting a strong law in place to ensure that people in Oregon feel safer. I urge you to pass HB 3265.

Thank you for your work and attention.

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