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Dear Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

I write to you today to urge you to pass HB 3265 to ensure that all Oregonians feel safe to receive justice through our legal system. I care about this bill because I have personally witnessed the fear that immigrants feel when they need to enter a courthouse or otherwise access the legal system in our state. All should feel free and safe to access our legal system and should consider it a means to seek justice rather than fearing retribution.

As a leader in the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice I am part of a large and committed group of faith communities throughout Oregon who support this bill and the basic humanity that this bill reflects.

I urge you to pass HB3265.

Jack Smith