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Dear Chair Bynum and members of the Judiciary Committee,

I write to you today to urge you to pass HB 3265, The Sanctuary Promise Act. As recently as 2018, Oregon voters affirmed our support for the state's sanctuary law. Unfortunately, the intent of our sanctuary law is being undermined every day by the extensive cooperation of local police with a federal immigration enforcement system that is racist, inhumane, and contrary to fundamental democratic values.

Individuals are racially profiled when they are targeted for detention or arrest because they are Latinx or "look like" they are undocumented. Individuals' rights to fair treatment by our court systems are violated when ICE agents arrest people in and around courthouses when they are there to seek justice or to cooperate with the demands of the legal system. Our immigrant neighbors and friends are marginalized when fear of warrantless arrests prevent them from accessing health care, education, and social services.

The Oregon State Legislature cannot repair a broken and unjust federal immigration policy. You can, however, contain the harms that enforcement of this policy does to our community.

Although Oregon's Sanctuary law intends to protect people from racial profiling and harassment, based on their perceived immigration status, state and local government agencies continue to violate the intent of the law, routinely assisting and collaborating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

HB 3265 will strengthen Oregon's sanctuary laws in ways that I very much support including:

- ?Creating a private right of action
- ?Prohibiting public and private ICE detention contracts
- ?Prohibiting warrantless arrests at Oregon's courthouses
- ?Preventing racial profiling in our jails

I urge you to please pass this legislation.

Thank you for your attention and for your work for the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

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