

Dear Representative Bynum and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to pass HB 3265, the Sanctuary Promise Act. The citizens of Oregon have already voiced support for policies that support and protect our immigrant communities. With HB 3265 we have an opportunity to expand and strengthen those policies, to provide the safety and security that this population of our state deserves.

In my work as a teacher and a volunteer with immigrant communities, I am well aware of the fear under which they live. The possibilities of detention, family separation and deportation loom large over our immigrant neighbors. Many are frontline and essential workers, whose work sustains us all. My Quaker faith teaches me the basic tenets of equality, community, and peace. Immigration status should not affect a person's right to live among us with full dignity and respect, and without fear of violence.

It is incumbent upon Oregon to codify protections to immigrants, allow due process if these protections are violated, and be a moral voice for our common humanity. All of us are safer when we trust our laws to serve and protect every resident of our state.

Please support HB 3265. Thank you for your consideration.

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