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Dear Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

I am writing today to urge you to pass HB 3265, The Sanctuary Promise Act. I believe that those who are living in this state should feel safe and be able to live without fear. I have a background in psychology that reveals the very real damage that living in fear causes, both physical and emotional. As a life long Episcopalian, I am committed to honoring the dignity of every human being.

As a member of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIJ), I am part of a network of people of faith and fierce love who have accompanied community members as they've navigated an immigration system that separates families and tears communities apart. While it can often be hard to see as we navigate language in a bill, this law is really about people and communities together ensuring that all Oregonians feel safer.

Oregon is a state that believes in sanctuary. Our sanctuary measures need to be strengthened to cover loopholes. This measure does that. Please pass HB 3256.

Thank you for your work and attention.

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