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Dear Chair Bynum and the Members of the Committee:

Oregon House Bill 3265 is crucial not just for the actual safety of all Oregonians, but for their sense of psychological safety.

Living in fear has a cost that each of us have felt this past year, although to widely differing degrees. Because of the actions of ICE, immigrants, regardless of their actual immigration status, live with fear writ large as they go about their lives. As a psychologist, I have been witness to the consequences of fear, regardless of its causes. Fear has the power to affect every bodily system, and children who live with the fears of their parents are just as powerfully affected

Safety is a matter of justice, and strengthening the Sanctuary Law to counter the aggressive and often inhumane tactics of ICE is essential.

I urge your support of this bill.

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