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Multnomah Friends Meeting

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Dear Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

With this letter I urge you to pass HB 3265, The Sanctuary Promise Act. This piece of legislation will move us toward a time when all Oregonians and their families feel safe, secure and protected.

As a long time member of the Presbyterian Church USA, and a new attender of Multnomah Friend's Meeting, I deeply believe that we are called to welcome strangers with respect for their humanity. As we recognize the contributions of strength and culture immigrants add to our communities, we see the wisdom of strengthening our decades-old Sanctuary law with the passage of HB 2365. When it becomes law, more people in my community will feel safe from unfair harassment and profiling when going to work, going to get groceries, or driving to their places of worship.

The trauma that occurs when families are separated by detention and deportation is horrifying and inhumane, but so unnecessary. Honest people should receive the dignity they deserve. I urge you to to pass HB 3265. As a new Oregonian moving here from Tennessee I feel proud to advocate for The Sanctuary Promise Act. because it is a step toward the creation of the Oregon I went to live in.

Thank you for attending to my letter and for your service to our state,

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