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Dear Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

I write to you today to **urge you to pass HB 3265, The Sanctuary Promise Act.**

As an immigrant myself, I hold deeply in my heart that our policies must allow all to feel safe in calling Oregon home, regardless of where we were born or how we got here. Though Oregon's sanctuary law has been in place for 30+ years, state and local government agencies across Oregon routinely assist and collaborate with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, breaking community trust; and whenever there is a breach of trust, the whole community becomes less safe.

HB 3265 would strengthen our existing laws to ensure Oregon's values of community and family preservation are upheld by clearly prohibiting such collaborations and allowing our friends, family members and neighbors to seek accountability when this law is violated. Put plainly, this piece of legislation would get us one step closer towards a state where everyone gets the least we all deserve – A place that we feel safe to call home.

As a leader in the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ), 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. **I urge you to pass HB 3265.**

Thank you for your work and attention,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jake Bailey', written in a cursive style.

Jake Bailey