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SUBJECT: Yes, on HB 3265 proposal

President Bynum, Vice Presidents Noble and Power, and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Leo and I live in Washington County. Before we begin, I want to thank you for all the work you are all doing during this pandemic. I am writing to you in support of **HB 3265**, we are all Oregon residents, no matter where we were born or how we got here. I support this proposal because it would build trust in Oregon communities by prohibiting law enforcement and local governments from working and communicating with federal agents for the purpose of enforcing immigration laws.

The Oregon immigrant community have faced great challenges, for example, not being able to get a driver's license in the past, the previous administration, among other challenges. I am grateful that today we have a new law that gives everyone access to a driver's license, and a new administration that brings hope to many community members. Oregon's proposed sanctuary law is one of the oldest in this country. But in the previous administration, we saw direct and indirect negative impact on our community. The police and some courts continue to work in conjunction with ICE. This creates fear and mistrust in the migrant community towards the local, state, and federal government.

My brother-in-law was arrested after a hearing in a local court and later deported. He had been here for more than 20 years. Today he is in a wheelchair, and with a movement of his body of 15%. It is because of this and many more stories like that of my family member that I ask you to consider voting yes on the proposal **HB 3265**.

Thank You,