

3/26/2021

SUBJECT: Yes, on HB 3265

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

I am a member of the community and have lived in the City of Cornelius for over 25 years. I am a mother of 4 children, and I support **HB 3265**, because as a mother of a son with special needs, I need to go out all the time for therapy for my son. I am concerned that when I go outside, I may be targeted by ICE just for my skin color. We have seen this happen locally and in other states.

Even though the sanctuary law has been in Oregon for over 30 years, local law enforcement and resources are being used to support federal immigration enforcement. This is very concerning because we already face too much abuse seeing how our children are not given the attention, they need in school only because of our limitations as parents to language and knowledge. On top of what I already mentioned, there is additional stress of not being able to leave our lives freely. As human beings we must feel safe to go outside to fulfill our basic needs, and we should trust the protection of our leaders. However, the collaboration between the police and ICE destroys trust in communities, rips Oregon families apart, and makes us all less safe.

As immigrants we are an important part of this economy, we are here to help each other without being a burden. While some people work in an office other put food on our tables and are essential workers. However, being an essential worker is also difficult because there is uncertainty and fear to even go outside for work purposes. Collaboration between ICE and law enforcement also puts a barrier in reporting injustices and abuse of which we are already victims, simply because we do not want to be involved in the court system.

Our children who were born in this country live in fear that one day their parents will go to work and never come back. For that reason, I ask you to vote yes to **HB 3265**.

Thank you very much for your time,

Community Member