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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 Lucia and I live in Washington County. 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. We need to act to put an end to the unfair racial profiling of Oregonians simply because they are perceived to be undocumented immigrants.

The Sanctuary Promise law would prohibit private entities such as for-profit corporations from operating private jails for the detention of immigrants. It would also build trust in Oregon communities by firmly prohibiting law enforcement and local governments from working with and communicating with federal agents for the purpose of immigration enforcement.

Many years ago, I came to this country of opportunities. I was stopped for a traffic violation and I was detained without the right to respond. ICE picked me up and took me to a detention center. My family did not know where I was, and I was not given the right to make a phone call. This experience caused various mental and emotional traumas and it resulted in depression. I still feel pain just by remembering that difficult experience. That is why I ask you to please vote in favor of HB 3265 to prevent more suffering and family separation.

In 2018, Oregon voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of Oregon sanctuary law. Now the 2021 Legislature can strengthen it to protect Oregon families and preserve local resources. I strongly encourage you to vote yes on HB 3265.

Thank You,