



*Testimony in support of SB 1191*

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the committee,

My name is Kate Suisman. I am an attorney at the Northwest Workers' Justice Project (NWJP). Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important bill. We represent workers in low-wage jobs when bad things happen to them at work: when they are not paid, or are discriminated against for being in a protected class or are retaliated against for speaking up. Finally, we engage in policy advocacy and try to bring the important perspectives of workers in low-wage jobs and immigrant workers to these policy discussions.

We write in full support of SB 1191. As an organization that does a lot of know-your-rights and worker leadership development, it is important to know we are protected when we do this necessary work. We have been doing this type of training for two decades, but have stepped up our outreach around the state to immigrant and low-wage workers recently. We need to be able to continue to share information on civil and constitutional rights with our client community, especially at this time when civil and constitutional rights are being threatened and disappearing altogether.

Please pass SB 1191 and help make sure Oregonians can continue to be informed about their rights. Thank you.

