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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1581

I am writing today to urge you to support immigrant justice.

The Immigrant Justice Package keeps families together, protects children, and prevents further harm by pairing smart, cost-effective investments with commonsense protections. It ensures access to legal representation so families are not torn apart simply because they cannot afford a lawyer. It protects access to health care and food so children can grow, learn, and stay healthy. And it strengthens state protections to prevent abuse, retaliation, discrimination, and the misuse of personal data.

The 2026 Immigrant Justice Package includes:

Critical Investments:

Universal Representation & Children's Stability Fund - HB 4117
Maintain the Healthier Oregon Program
School Meals For All - SB 1581
Emergency Food Benefits
Oregon Hunger Response Fund
Protect SNAP

Budget-Neutral Protections:

Safeguarding Students and Families - HB 4079
Stop Data Brokers from Sharing Our Info - SB 1587
Protect Your Door Act - HB 4114
Public Contracts Prohibition - HB 4150
Anti-Discrimination Protections - HB 4111
Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA) - HB 4138
Healthcare without Fear - SB 1570

Immigrant Oregonians, our families, and communities have been targeted by violent, lawless ICE sweeps, resulting in community-wide fear and devastating family separations. No family should have to plan for parents being torn from their children. These reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified response.

The 2026 Immigrant Justice Package and is backed by a broad coalition of immigrant justice advocates, civil liberties groups, unions, and community based organizations.

I urge you to support these community-led policies to protect the freedoms of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,
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