

To: House Judiciary Committee
From: For All Families Oregon
Date: 2/4/2026
Re: Support for HB 4138

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee,

For All Families Oregon (formerly Family Forward) supports HB 4138, which strengthens accountability and transparency for all law enforcement agencies operating in Oregon, regardless of the level of government they serve. Masked agents have no place in our communities and do nothing but instill fear in the vulnerable, not protect.

For the past six months, the Trump Administration has targeted states that have vowed to protect all residents within their borders, escalating a nationwide assault on immigrant communities. These efforts have included the racial profiling of individuals suspected of being undocumented, the denial of due process, and the forcible apprehension of people from public spaces such as grocery stores, child care centers, and their own neighborhoods—snatched off streets and placed into unmarked vehicles. Families and loved ones are left without answers, unsure who has taken them or where they are being taken.

Communities are left in fear for their safety and their neighbors as the line of lawful seizure continues to be blurred by this administration's blatant priority to make a quota and punish immigrants for trying to exist and be in the United States. Federal officers hiding behind face masks do not provide safety, but instead instill fear in everyone, whether they are here lawfully or not. Oregonians deserve transparency in our law enforcement to ensure officers act lawfully and are held accountable when they do not.

The Law Enforcement and Visibility Act promotes transparency, accountability, and peace among our communities as law enforcement at all levels continues to blur the lines between what is legal, what is ethical, and what is appropriate to act on. It also strengthens our state against federal overreach on Oregonians' civil rights and liberties that have been set in place for decades, including ignoring due process rights and attempting to access Oregon's resources and sensitive information for the sake of

furthering their terror against immigrants, such as their attempts to access sensitive voter data.

I urge this committee to vote YES on HB 4138 and stand with immigrant communities and Oregonians at large. Accountability and transparency are what deepen trust between law enforcement and the communities they are meant to protect and serve. What we don't want is for the federal government to believe that it is exempt from law and order.

Thank you for your consideration.

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