



TO: House Committee On Judiciary

FROM: PCUN

SUBJECT: Support HB 4138, the Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA).

February 5, 2026

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallen, members of the Committee,

My name is Cynthia Ramirez, and I am a Policy Associate with PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union. At PCUN, we work to empower farmworkers and Latine working families to improve their working and living conditions through community building, organizing, and policy advocacy. On behalf of our members, I am writing in strong support of HB 4138, the Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA).

Across the country we have seen examples of law enforcement acting extrajudicially, inciting fear and panic into our communities. Oregonians want to know exactly who is walking on our streets with us and who they work for. Our members are tired of seeing these harrowing news stories of unjust actions done by ICE, with one saying, "I would like to tell the legislators that we don't want ICE here in Oregon. And I'll say it again, they must require a warrant signed by a judge. If they don't have a warrant, we don't want them to touch us!".

At PCUN, we believe that HB 4138 will prevent ICE impersonators or vigilantes from committing unlawful actions upon our community. We see a unanimous demand for heightened accountability, and urgently need HB 4138 to provide an additional layer of transparency from our law enforcement agencies.

Finally, HB 4138 will help to distinguish local law enforcement and federal agencies. In the event that federal agents act extrajudicially within Oregon's borders, then HB 4138 will help to protect our local law enforcement from catching scrutiny and blame from the public. Our members echo this sentiment of wanting a clear distinction of enforcement, with another member saying "I would like to tell the legislators to get rid of immigration enforcement! Don't cover your faces! So we can find out who is or isn't immigration enforcement."

On behalf of PCUN and our members, we strongly urge this committee to vote YES on HB 4138.

Sincerely,

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