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

My name is Ira Cuello-Martinez and I am providing testimony on behalf of PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union. We strongly support SB 1587 and the -4 amendments to protect Oregonians' data.

This bill is about something simple. When people give their information to the state, it should be used to provide services, not to get into the hands of federal immigration enforcement.

Farmworkers share their information to get a driver's license, enroll their children in school, apply for benefits, or report a workplace injury. They do this because they trust that the state will use that information for the purpose it was given. When that same information can be sold to data brokers and then accessed by federal immigration enforcement, that trust is broken.

We have seen how federal immigration agencies build systems by pulling from many different sources. They rely on data that people never imagined would be used against them. Families who are simply trying to work and survive become part of a network they did not consent to.

In our communities, that reality changes behavior. Workers think twice before reporting unsafe conditions. Parents hesitate to update their address. People avoid public offices even when they need help. That fear isolates families and weakens entire communities.

Oregon does not have to be part of that pipeline. We can draw a clear line and say that our state's data should not be used to assist in federal immigration enforcement through third party brokers.

SB 1587 helps us set that boundary. It protects the relationship between our communities and the public institutions meant to serve them. It tells immigrant families that when they interact with the state, they are not putting themselves in danger.

On behalf of PCUN and the farmworker families we represent, we urge you to vote yes on SB 1587 and the -4 amendments.

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