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Testimony of Peter Bergel on SB 1587

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee,

My name is Peter Bergel, I live in Salem.

As we all know, the federal government's immigration enforcement police, known as ICE, have been running amok in cities across the country, as well as in Oregon, employing tactics more reminiscent of the Mafia than of a police force that one can respect. That is why Oregon enacted the Sanctuary law.

This bill is a natural outgrowth of the state's Sanctuary policy. If the policy is not to assist ICE as it carries out its duties, and especially its cruelties that have nothing to do with its duties, then surely the state should not permit those whom it hires for ANY purpose to assist ICE. This bill deals with the special case within this policy that relates to sharing personal data with ICE. HB 4150 deals with the more general case of prohibiting cooperation with ICE in ANY contract the state signs.

It is my hope that both SB 1587 and HB 4150 will pass, both to protect those most at risk from ICE's illegal behavior, and to send a clear message that the State of Oregon is serious about its Sanctuary law and will do what it can to protect its residents from ICE's gangsterism.

Please vote yes on SB 1587 to move this bill to the Senate floor.