



IP 22 Will Harm Oregon Families, Communities & Economy

Oregonians for Immigration Reform, a group with deep ties to white nationalist groups, is seeking to place Initiative Petition 22 on the November 2018 Oregon ballot to repeal our state's 30-year-old inclusivity law (ORS 181A.820), which prohibits the use of state and local resources to enforce federal immigration law. Immigration is the sole responsibility of the federal government. This state law was passed in 1987 because local law enforcement personnel were racially profiling Latino U.S. citizens and conducting raids where they lived, worked and worshipped.

Repealing this law would undermine community trust, harm Oregon families and decimate Oregon's economy. IP 22 is bad for Oregon. If passed, this ballot measure would:

- **Undermine Community Trust:** Oregon state and local law enforcement officials are strong proponents of ensuring that immigrant enforcement remains the sole responsibility of the federal government, because they know from experience it makes our communities safer.

"It is vital to our mission of community safety that members of this community feel comfortable calling 9-1-1 to report crimes without fear. I believe we have a responsibility to nurture a relationship of trust with everyone in our community. When our community trusts us, they share information about crime and victimization that they may not otherwise share. That makes us all safer." – Sheriff Mike Reese, Multnomah County

- **Harm Oregon Families:** Immigrant families have been in Oregon for generations and are part of the fabric of our communities across the state. Repealing this law will give law enforcement license to profile citizens and aspiring citizens alike. We have read countless stories of Immigration and Custom Enforcement making mistakes because it targets Americans who "look like" immigrants. This approach is harmful to families, particularly with children, whose parents are swept up in illegal enforcement activities. Immigrants are our neighbors, our friends and our colleagues, and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their country of birth. And like other Americans, immigrants have a right to a fair trial and due process.

Quote from person who was profiled by ICE or law enforcement unlawfully

- **Decimate Oregon's Economy:** Immigrants play a vital role in our state's culture and economy, and have made us stronger for generations. This is particularly true for agricultural and technology companies, which rely on immigrant employees to keep their businesses competitive and growing. Hiring and retaining employees is one of their greatest challenges—agriculture has faced a labor shortage for years. Repealing Oregon's inclusivity law would send a message to immigrants and their families that Oregon is not a welcoming state, and crush our economy.

“Oregon's agricultural sector raises everything from cattle to Christmas trees to world-renowned strawberries. Many employers are already struggling to fill their workforce. Repealing this law would decimate these businesses and our economy. We must keep Oregon a state that welcomes all.” – Jeff Stone, Executive Director, Oregon Association of Nurseries.

**Keep Oregon a Welcoming State
Stop IP 22**