

Fight Back Against Racism and Fear:

Reject IP 22

Oregonians for Immigration Reform (OFIR) is an organization with deep ties to the white supremacist movement that is trying to divide our country and Oregon. OFIR is trying to repeal our state's 30-year-old sanctuary law that was passed in 1987 with broad bipartisan support to address blatant racial profiling of people of color within the state.

Opens The Door to More Racial Profiling

Prior to the passage of this sanctuary law, legislators recognized that Oregonians were being targeted because they were perceived to be immigrants or because of the color of their skin. Initiative Petition 22 (IP 22) would repeal these protections, opening the door to serious civil rights violations and harassment of immigrant communities and communities of color. Immigrants are part of our families, communities, workplaces and places of worship and deserve to feel safe from harassment and profiling just like any other Oregonian.

Communities Would Be Less Safe

The One Oregon Coalition, which includes more than 85 organizations from across the state, has come together to fight back against this hateful ballot measure, recognizing that IP 22 would make our communities less safe. IP 22 would shift local resources to enforce federal immigration laws without new dollars, the necessary training, equipment or tools. State and local law enforcement are already strapped for resources and would be diverted from critical community safety efforts. Rural communities, where 911 calls are already going unanswered, would be hit particularly hard if IP 22 passed.



"It is vital to our mission of community safety that people feel comfortable calling 911 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

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A Beacon of Hope for the World

It is important that America remain a beacon of hope and freedom for people all over the world. Like many of our families, today's immigrants join the long American tradition of coming here in search of a better life and the freedom and opportunity we offer. Our state and nation are enriched by the diversity of experiences, cultures and traditions all of us, including immigrants, bring to our neighborhoods, cities and the economy as a whole.

Core to Oregon's Economy

Immigrants are a core part of Oregon's economy. Immigrants are more likely than native-born Oregonians to start businesses that are the backbone of our local economy.

We need to work together to create a reasonable process that is fair, efficient and allows undocumented immigrants to meet eligibility criteria for authorized status. Undocumented immigrants play a vital role in our state's culture and economy, and they've made our communities stronger for generations.

Fix Our Broken Immigration System

Our immigration system has historically enabled many generations to legally immigrate to the U.S. in search of a better life. This opportunity simply doesn't exist anymore. The system we have now isn't built for today's world or today's migration patterns. We need a modern immigration infrastructure that makes sure people who enter our country have a fair, sensible and accessible way to achieve legal residency or citizenship.

"Oregon's agricultural sector has a severe labor shortage and we should work hard at the national level to fix our broken immigration system. Repealing this law would add confusion and perpetuate fear and hostility that will harm many of Oregon's family-owned businesses, their employees and our standing with customers in other states and countries."

— JEFF STONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OREGON ASSOCIATION OF NURSERIES

"In the Oregon of the past, the federal government repeatedly ordered Oregon law enforcement agencies to target and raid immigrant communities. Latino Americans were being harassed and arrested over and over again without cause. People were living in fear and being racially profiled not because they had broken the law, but because they had brown skin. It reminded me of the Gestapo in Nazi Germany. Oregonians saw this for what it was—racial discrimination—and put a stop to it. If IP 22 passes, this is the Oregon we'll return to."

— RAMON RAMIREZ, PRESIDENT OF PCUN

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