



IP 22 Will Harm Oregon Families, Communities & Economy

Oregonians for Immigration Reform, an organization with deep ties to white nationalist groups, is seeking to place Initiative Petition 22 on the November 2018 Oregon ballot. IP 22 would 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. This law prevents discrimination. IP 22 is bad for Oregon. If passed, this ballot measure would:

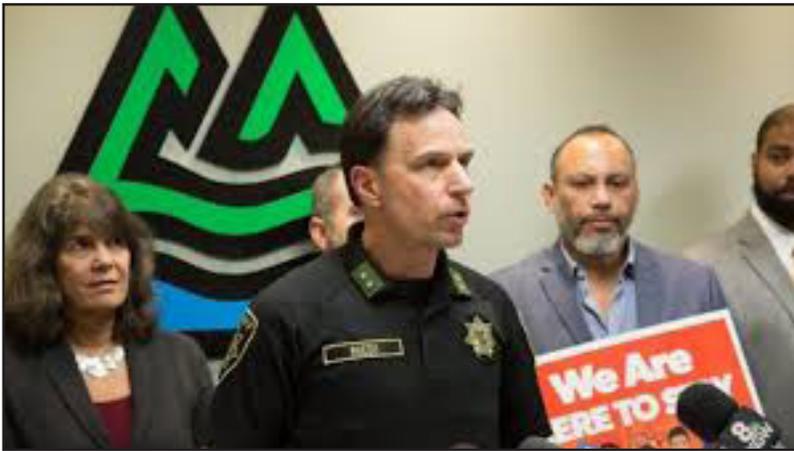
Erode Community Trust

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. When community members don't trust state and local law enforcement, they won't report crimes to the police or appear in court to testify.

Uproot Oregon Families

Immigrant families have been in Oregon for generations and are part of the fabric of our 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 by targeting Americans who "look like"

"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's Economy

Immigrants play a vital role in our state's culture and economy, and they've made our communities stronger for generations. Immigrants are more likely than native born Oregonians to start businesses that are the backbone of our local economy. Agricultural and technology companies rely on immigrant employees to keep their businesses competitive and growing. Hiring and retaining employees is one of their greatest challenges. The agricultural sector 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, worsen the labor shortage, and crush our economy.

immigrants. This approach is harmful to families, particularly with children, whose parents are swept up in illegal enforcement activities. Immigrants are our neighbors and colleagues, our friends and family, 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.

"Prior to this law, 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 profiled not because they had broken the law, but because they had brown skin. Oregonians saw this for what it was—discrimination and insisted that it stop."

*— Ramon Ramirez,
Executive Director, PCUN*

"Oregon's agricultural sector has a severe labor shortage and we are working hard at the national level to fix the immigration system. Repealing this law would add to confusion and perpetuate a tone of 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