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A Letter From Our Policy Director



Oregon's 2026 legislative session unfolded during a time of unprecedented challenges for our country.

After the 2025 legislative session ended, the Trump Administration continued to escalate their attacks on our democracy. Portland was a direct target last fall when Trump tried to deploy federalized National Guard troops to the city. This tactic failed because Attorney General Dan Rayfield and the City of Portland successfully stopped it in the courts and were supported in their legal efforts by the sustained peaceful protest of everyday people.

The Trump Administration then pivoted by surging ICE into states like Minnesota and Vermont. As they have done in Oregon, federal agents in those states, oftentimes wearing masks, created havoc and targeted violence towards immigrants and refugees, people of color, and people like Renee Good and Alex Pretti who chose to stand with our vulnerable communities.

The White House also targeted other communities. Among many other harms, they tried to abruptly take away federal food benefits from food insecure families and end access to health care for many Americans, including people who rely on Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, as well as trans people.

At this pivotal and dangerous time for our democracy, the ACLU of Oregon and our more than 52,000 members and donor supporters called on the Oregon Legislature to rise to the moment. Lawmakers responded by choosing to lead. Working with the ACLU of Oregon, state legislators bolstered Oregon as a firewall against federal abuses of power.

This year's victories reflect a truth about Oregonians and the ACLU of Oregon community. When our communities are under threat, we organize, advocate, and build solutions that reflect our shared values — including this powerful value: that all people and communities deserve dignity, fairness, and the freedom to live without fear of abusive government intrusion.

Our legislative accomplishments were made possible by the leadership of directly impacted communities, the dedication of coalition partners, lawmakers who chose courage and principle, and ACLU members across Oregon who took action — responding to action alerts, contacting legislators, and raising their voices to defend our freedoms, our democracy, and our loved ones and neighbors.

But our work does not end here. As current threats continue and new ones emerge, we must keep working together to defend and expand Oregon's firewall for freedom.

Thank you for your support, collaboration, and solidarity.

Con esperanza y compromiso,
Jessica Maravilla
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ACLU of Oregon Policy Director



Major Legislative Wins

HB 4088 — Strengthening Patient and Provider Privacy Act

Oregonians overwhelmingly believe that personal health care decisions should be made by individuals and their health care providers — not by politicians or the government. HB 4088 embraces this value by strengthening Oregon laws that protect health care providers and patients from federal government and out-of-state investigations or prosecutions of lawful, essential health care provided in Oregon.

Specifically, HB 4088 prohibits non-fugitive extraditions and bars public agencies in Oregon from cooperating with federal or out-of-state actions targeting legal reproductive or gender-affirming health care provided in Oregon. The bill also expands existing licensing protections to include midwives, ensuring they cannot be penalized by licensing boards for providing care that is lawful in Oregon. The bill further strengthens privacy protections by restricting the Oregon Health Authority from disclosing individually-identifiable information about patients seeking reproductive or gender-affirming health care. It also ensures privacy protections are extended to the images and phone numbers of all health care staff involved in providing this care.

Finally, HB 4088 strengthens privacy protections by ensuring that when name and gender-marker changes are filed at the same time, those records become confidential once filed with the court — restricting public access and better protecting the privacy and safety of individuals seeking these changes.

Introduced and championed by Representative Lisa Fragala (D — HD 46), HB 4088 strengthens Oregon’s protections at a time when health care providers and patients are facing escalating threats from federal and out-of-state actors. With the bill’s passage, Oregon joins a growing firewall of states protecting health care providers and patients’ rights to provide and receive lawful health care.



Policy advocates, including ACLU of Oregon’s Mariana García Medina, posing at the Capitol.



Major Legislative Wins

HB 4138 – Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act

Masked law enforcement agents, often with no identification, make it difficult for the public to know who is in our neighborhoods, what they are doing, and whether their actions are lawful. As federal actions increasingly harm families and communities in Oregon and across the country, accountability and visibility for all law enforcement operating in Oregon are needed now more than ever.

HB 4138, the Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA), meets the urgent needs of this moment by strengthening transparency, visibility, and accountability for all law enforcement operating in Oregon.

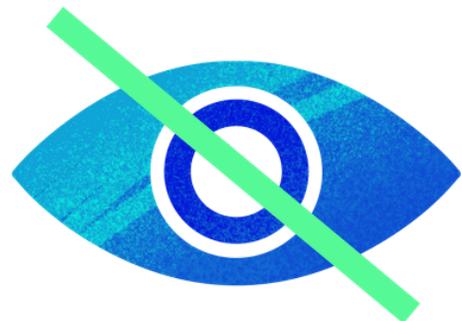
Championed by Representative Farrah Chaichi (D – HD 35), LEAVA establishes the first firewall in the nation between a state’s public employees and federal actions that threaten civil rights and liberties, ensuring Oregon continues to lead in protecting our communities.

LEAVA prohibits all Oregon state and local public employees, including law enforcement, from knowingly cooperating with federal and out-of-state attacks on free speech, expression, association or lawfully-protected groups, or with unconstitutional searches or seizures.

LEAVA also strengthens accountability by requiring all law enforcement officers operating in Oregon – including ICE – to visibly identify themselves and the agency they represent while engaged in law enforcement activities. Officers must display their agency affiliation and either their name or badge number on their uniforms, and all law enforcement agencies operating in Oregon must adopt public policies that generally prohibit officers from wearing masks while on duty. HB 4138 also protects Oregon voters by prohibiting masked law enforcement officers from operating within 250 feet of ballot drop sites and voting areas while votes are being collected or tabulated – ensuring transparency and accountability during the electoral process.

In addition, HB 4138 closes a loophole in Oregon’s sanctuary laws by ensuring that volunteers serving in civil defense forces are subject to the same sanctuary law requirements and legal accountability rules as public employees, preventing them from assisting with immigration enforcement activities that Oregon law prohibits for state and local public officials and employees.

Finally, LEAVA empowers individuals to seek court orders to stop violations of the law – including unlawfully masked or unidentifiable officers – ensuring that accountability is not undermined by secrecy or anonymity.



Defending Immigrant Communities in Oregon

Immigrant Justice Package

HB 4114: Protect Your Door — PASSED ✓

During ICE actions, families are often pressured to comply with agents who use non-judicial warrants to force their way into homes, even though such warrants do not lawfully authorize forced entries. HB 4114 addresses these breaches of the law by allowing individuals to file lawsuits to hold government officials accountable for unlawful home entries and seek damages for violations of their rights.

HB 4079: Safeguarding Students and Families — PASSED ✓

After the Trump administration rescinded federal “sensitive locations” protections in 2025, ICE activity near schools increased in Oregon and across the country. HB 4079 protects student safety by requiring public school districts and higher education institutions to develop policies for responding to ICE on campus, including notifying staff and families.

HB 4111: Anti-Discrimination Protections — PASSED ✓

No one should fear going to work or accessing the courts because of their immigration status. HB 4111 strengthens anti-discrimination protections for immigrant Oregonians by preventing employment retaliation related to lawful work authorization updates, addressing intimidation in civil courts, and strengthening Oregon’s anti-profiling statute to include immigration status and perceived immigration status.



Defending Immigrant Communities in Oregon continued

SB 1587: Stop Data Brokers from Sharing our Information — PASSED ✓

Oregonians should be able to trust that the government will not funnel personal information into commercial data pipelines that can be used for federal immigration enforcement. SB 1587 prohibits public bodies from disclosing personally-identifiable information to data brokers unless the broker provides written assurance that the information will not be used for that purpose.

SB 1570: Health Care Without Fear Act — PASSED ✓

Everyone, including immigrants and refugees, should be able to go to the hospital or their health care provider without fear. To address ICE actions in health care settings, SB 1570 safeguards patient privacy, limits immigration enforcement access to non-public areas of health care facilities, and protects health care workers from retaliation when supporting patients' rights.



HB 4150: Public Contracts Prohibition — NOT PASSED ✗

HB 4150 would have ensured that the use of Oregon taxpayer dollars reflect our state's values by prohibiting public contracts with companies that work with the federal government on deportations. Unfortunately, HB 4150 did not pass this legislative session.

Investing in Oregon's Communities

In addition to advancing critical policy protections, Oregon made key investments that support immigrant and refugee families in remaining healthy and stable in the face of federal attacks.

Universal Representation – \$8 million

As ICE activity intensifies, more families are being thrust into deportation proceedings where legal representation can mean the difference between family unity and permanent separation. Oregon secured an \$8 million investment in the Universal Representation Program which helps immigrant Oregonians access an immigration attorney during deportation proceedings — when it matters most.

Healthier Oregon Program

Health care is a basic human right that should be available to all people. Embracing this value, Oregon protected funding for the Healthier Oregon Program, ensuring that immigrant and refugee Oregonians can continue to access basic, critical health care that keeps families healthy and communities strong.

Anti-Hunger Investments

Emergency Assistance for Refugees and Immigrants:

Last year, the federal government stripped thousands of immigrant and refugee Oregonians from SNAP food benefits overnight. Oregon responded by securing \$2 million in emergency assistance to provide relief for immigrant and refugee families excluded from federal nutrition programs, which helps families meet basic food needs.

Protecting SNAP Participants – \$111 million:

As part of Oregon's broader response to the cruel food aid cuts by the federal government, the Legislature secured \$111 million for food aid, helping ensure that our state's most vulnerable families can meet their basic food needs. These investments strengthen Oregon's food security infrastructure and help prevent more Oregonians from falling into hunger.



Investing in Oregon's Communities continued

City of Portland – Sanctuary Ordinance and Protect Portland Resolution

While the Immigrant Justice Package strengthened statewide protections for immigrant and refugee communities, local governments across Oregon also stepped forward to provide protections and respond to escalating ICE actions in their own communities.

In October 2025, Portland City Council unanimously passed their Sanctuary City Ordinance (Councilor Sameer Kanal, Chief Sponsor) and Protect Portland Resolution (Councilor Candace Avalos, Chief Sponsor), for which the ACLU of Oregon provided policy support. These are important city policies to defend our communities from escalating and abusive ICE actions and dangerous federal efforts to deploy the military onto American cities. Among other things, the ordinance and resolution prohibit city employees from participating in federal immigration enforcement activities, direct the City to monitor federal activity, and strengthen coordination with community partners. The Council's unanimous vote reflects a clear commitment by Portland leaders to defend our civil rights and liberties and ensure that cities like Portland help bolster our state's firewall against federal abuses of power.

Other Local Government

As ICE activity intensified, several counties and cities took emergency actions to stabilize communities and ensure families have access to essential resources and support. In November 2025, the Washington County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency (Commissioner Nafisa Fai, Chief Sponsor) and authorized \$400,000 to provide food assistance, legal services, and other support for families impacted by federal immigration enforcement. Cities within the county also acted – Hillsboro declared a local emergency and approved \$450,000 in community stabilization funding, while Forest Grove authorized \$50,000 for community organizations assisting impacted residents.

Multnomah County reaffirmed its commitment to Oregon's sanctuary laws, expanded coordination with immigrant and refugee service providers, and allocated \$250,000 in community support funding.

In Lane County, officials and the sheriff clarified that county resources would not be used for federal immigration enforcement. In Marion County, leaders in Salem and surrounding communities publicly reassured residents that local law enforcement does not participate in federal immigration enforcement and coordinated with community service providers to support impacted families.

These actions demonstrate how local governments are stepping up to support their communities and uphold sanctuary values, while also highlighting the continued need for strong local policies and coordination to respond to ongoing abuses of power by the federal government.

Surveillance and the Fight for Privacy

SB 1516: Automatic License Plate Reader Bill — PASSED



Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) are sophisticated surveillance tools that record our license plates, along with location and time data. This data is increasingly stored in searchable nationwide databases. This means that ALPR companies are creating databases that track where we live, work, worship, organize, protest, and seek health care.

Surveillance infrastructure of this magnitude demands clear limits and enforceable safeguards. While Oregon legislators took some steps via SB 1516, it was not enough to adequately protect Oregonians' privacy rights and civil liberties.

The public safety risks of unchecked ALPR technology are not theoretical. For example, ICE uses ALPR data, including nearly [200 times in Eugene during one month alone in 2025](#). In Texas, [a sheriff's office used data from over 90,000 cameras across the U.S. to investigate a woman for an abortion](#). These types of concerns have already led multiple cities in Oregon — including Eugene, Springfield, Woodburn, and Bend — to stop their ALPR contracts.

The ACLU of Oregon participated in a legislative workgroup that reviewed ALPR safeguards, which led to SB 1516. The version of SB 1516 passed by the Legislature increases transparency around law enforcement's use of ALPR cameras and also creates limits on data sharing with federal agencies without a warrant. However, two significant vulnerabilities were left unaddressed.

First, the bill's 30-day retention period for ALPR data is too long. The longer data is stored, the greater the risk it can be accessed or misused. Based on ACLU's experience, if this type of data is retained, it is difficult to prevent federal agencies from accessing it. Indeed, ICE has used administrative subpoenas, which require no court approval, to [demand data from social media companies](#). Federal agencies like ICE could easily use similar tactics to access existing ALPR data. So, we will continue advocating to bring Oregon in line with states like Virginia, New Hampshire, and Maine that have shorter data retention periods.

Second, the bill requires ALPR vendors to use end-to-end encryption for data security but does not specifically define what end-to-end encryption means. Accordingly, we will continue to advocate in the legislature and the courts to ensure that this end-to-end encryption requirement is meaningfully enforced.



● Surveillance and the Fight for Privacy continued

Local Actions on Surveillance Technology

Even as lawmakers debated statewide safeguards, communities across Oregon raised urgent concerns about the rapid expansion of surveillance technology — particularly Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) systems, including Flock cameras — and the risks of this technology to our basic privacy rights and civil liberties.

In response, several local governments took concrete action:

- **Eugene's City Council** directed city police to turn off its Flock cameras and ultimately terminated their contract with Flock after concerns emerged about federal access and the system's data-sharing capabilities.
- **Springfield** ended its agreement with Flock following similar community concerns about privacy and oversight.
- **Bend** shut down its cameras and chose not to renew its contract after determining the technology raised unresolved civil liberties risks.
- **Woodburn** suspended its cameras after an audit revealed federal agencies had accessed the system through national search tools.
- **Washington County** paused expansion of the technology while county officials review privacy protections, data-sharing policies, and oversight mechanisms.

These actions reflect growing recognition across Oregon that stronger safeguards are needed. The ACLU of Oregon will continue working with communities and local governments while advancing statewide reforms to ensure surveillance technologies are subject to meaningful transparency, accountability, and privacy protections.



Community Engagement and Advocacy

At the ACLU of Oregon, our mission is to “take action together to protect and advance our civil liberties and civil rights for a more just, equitable, and caring democracy in Oregon.”

Our victories this legislative session were possible because ACLU members and supporters across Oregon made their voices heard and power felt!

Over **3,300 ACLU of Oregon community members sent nearly 8,000 emails** to Oregon lawmakers urging them to protect civil rights and civil liberties.

More than **850 people submitted written testimony** in support of HB 4138 — the LEAVA unmasking bill, and over **600 people submitted written testimony** opposing SB 1516 — raising concerns about the danger of Automatic License Plate Readers without full, meaningful safeguards.

During session, more than **40 ACLU of Oregon supporters met directly with their state legislators**, both virtually and in person. These conversations, alongside testimony in key hearings, played an essential role in advancing and defending critical legislation, including HB 4088 — the privacy bill for health care providers and patients receiving abortion, reproductive, and gender-affirming related health care.

In December, **80 ACLU of Oregon supporters joined a town hall** in Eugene with Representative Julie Fahey, Speaker of the Oregon State House, and Senator Floyd Prozanski, the Chair of the Oregon State Senate Judiciary Committee. Those conversations helped build early momentum and laid the groundwork for many of the legislative victories achieved this year!

Together, these actions demonstrate the power of collective advocacy.

When communities organize, speak out, and take action, we can protect our freedoms and move Oregon closer to the just and equitable democracy we all deserve.



Looking Ahead

This legislative session showed what is possible when communities across Oregon organize, speak out, and demand that our laws reflect our shared values. **But the work to protect civil rights and civil liberties does not end when the legislative session closes.**

In the months ahead, the ACLU of Oregon policy team will continue engaging in key policy conversations, not only at the state level but also with local governments across Oregon. Decisions made by city councils, county commissions, school boards, and local agencies often determine how laws directly affect the daily lives of Oregonians.

We know that many of the protections we fought for this session depend on sustained public engagement — at the state and local government levels. Budget decisions in the coming year will shape whether critical programs supporting immigrant families, healthcare access, and community stability can continue to meet the needs of Oregonians.

At the same time, we must remain vigilant as surveillance technologies and data systems expand the government’s ability to surveil our lives. The ACLU of Oregon will continue advocating for strong safeguards — including at the local government level — in order to protect our privacy rights and prevent these tools from being used to target and harm our communities.

Over the spring and summer, our policy team will be traveling across Oregon to meet directly with our members and communities. These conversations will help shape the priorities we bring into the next legislative cycle. We look forward to meeting you!

Together, we will continue building an Oregon where democracy and freedom are protected for everyone.



Legislative Challenges

Building a more just, equitable, and caring democracy requires not only advancing impactful legislation but also engaging in the policies and processes that help make our legislative spaces more diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

During this session, Representative Thủy Trần raised concerns that Representative Jason Kropf, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, [engaged in conduct that “created a hostile working environment,”](#) and our understanding is that Rep. Tran has engaged in Legislature-related processes to have her concerns reviewed and addressed. The ACLU of Oregon supports the right of all people in our legislative spaces to raise concerns they may have and to have the concerns reviewed and addressed as appropriate based on the values of fairness, respect, accountability, and integrity. This helps create a better Legislature for all.

Legislator Spotlight



Rep. Farrah Chaichi (District 35, Beaverton and Aloha)

Representative Farrah Chaichi was the driving force of HB 4138, the Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA), a significant civil liberties victory of this session. In addition to requiring all law enforcement to unmask, HB 4138 creates the first-in-the-nation firewall between public employees and federal actions in order to protect constitutional rights. Through bold leadership, persistence, and collaboration with partners and community, Rep. Chaichi helped secure this landmark bill that advances public safety, civil liberties, and civil rights.

Rep. Willy Chotzen (District 46, SE Portland)

Representative Willy Chotzen led the development of the Legislature's package of bills responsive to current threats from the federal government. Working closely with the ACLU of Oregon and community partners, he helped develop a proactive policy agenda to protect immigrant and refugee communities, strengthen privacy protections, and safeguard constitutional rights. Through thoughtful collaboration and steady leadership, Rep. Chotzen helped secure an array of bills that help defend our democracy, civil rights, and civil liberties.



Sen. James Manning, Jr. (District 7, Eugene)

Senator James Manning, Jr., a U.S. Army veteran and longtime civil rights leader, brought courage and moral clarity to some of the session's most consequential debates. As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he consistently stood up for constitutional rights and policies that help Oregon remain a firewall against federal abuse of power and overreach. His leadership helped move forward critical protections for immigrant families, privacy, and civil liberties across our state.

Legislator Spotlight

Sen. Winsvey Campos (District 18, Aloha)

Senator Winsvey Campos was a strong champion for civil rights and civil liberties this session. She participated in the legislative workgroup examining Automatic License Plate Reader regulations, helping elevate privacy concerns about this rapidly-expanding technology that is often paid for with tax dollars. Sen. Campos also worked on SB 1587: Stop Data Brokers from Sharing our Information, and SB 1570: Health Care Without Fear Act, advancing critical protections for data privacy and the wellbeing of immigrant and refugee families.



Rep. Lisa Fragala (District 8, Eugene to Creswell)

Representative Lisa Fragala was a strong champion for the right of all Oregonians to make our own personal health care decisions without undue government intrusion, as well as for the safety of immigrant and refugee students and families. She championed and led HB 4088: the Strengthening Patient and Provider Privacy Act, which protects health care providers and patients who provide or receive abortion, reproductive, and gender-affirming health care from out-of-state attacks. Also, with her experience as a longtime educator, she co-sponsored HB 4079: the Safeguarding Students and Families Act.

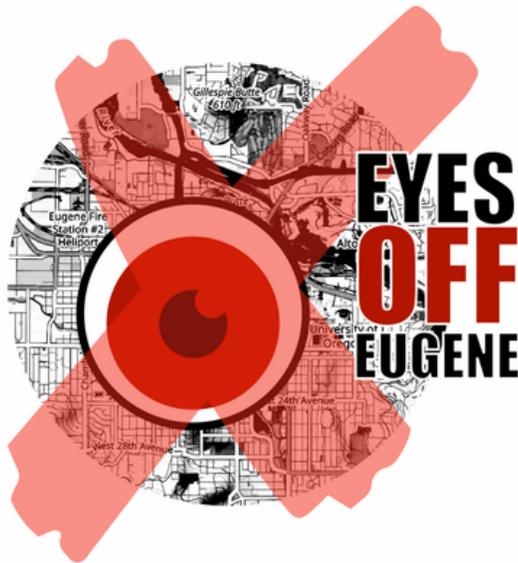


IN MEMORIAM — Rep. Hóá Nguyễn (District 48, SE Portland and North Clackamas)

We remember Representative Hóá Nguyễn, who passed away last October before the commencement of this short session. Rep. Nguyễn will be remembered for her commitment to public service, her advocacy for children and immigrant communities, and the compassion and integrity she brought to her work. Her leadership reflected a deep belief in equity, dignity, and the power of community, leaving a lasting impact on Oregon.



Community Partner Spotlight



Eyes Off Eugene

[Eyes Off Eugene](#) is a group of advocates and technology professionals based in the Eugene area working to oppose the expansion of mass surveillance technologies in Oregon. Members of the group joined the ACLU of Oregon in the legislative workgroup examining Automatic License Plate Reader regulations. Through their deep cybersecurity expertise and grassroots organizing, Eyes Off Eugene played an important role in raising awareness about the risks of this invasive technology and advocating for stronger privacy protections for Oregonians.

PCUN and APANO

[Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste \(PCUN\)](#), Oregon's Farmworker Union, and the [Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon \(APANO\)](#), an advocacy organization representing Asian American and Pacific Islander Oregonians, were important partners in our successful efforts to pass LEAVA, the unmasking bill.

PCUN and APANO organizers and advocates mobilized community support, provided powerful testimony at multiple hearings, and helped ensure legislators understood the urgent need to protect communities directly impacted by ICE and other federal abuses of power. We are deeply grateful for their partnership and leadership.



Call to Action

Members, volunteers, and partners — THANK YOU!

The power of the ACLU of Oregon to defend and advance our democracy, civil liberties, and civil rights comes from over 52,000 members and donor supporters statewide! Our victories for everyday Oregonians are possible because our community takes action to hold our elected officials accountable.

Oregon remains a firewall for freedom state because of you.

You can support the ACLU of Oregon in many ways — all are important:

Consider becoming a [member or donor supporter](#) to sustain our work.

[Sign up to become a volunteer](#) with the ACLU of Oregon.

Whether you are passionate about immigrant and refugee rights, abortion rights, LGBTQ+ rights, police accountability, racial justice, privacy rights, or defending and advancing our democracy, there are many ways to get involved.



Thank you for helping the ACLU of Oregon create an Oregon of greater justice, equity, and care!



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