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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Dear Commissioner Sorenson,

We are writing as members of the First United Methodist Church of Eugene, and as residents of Lane County who call your District home. We are writing to urge your support of the effort to pass an Inclusivity Ordinance in Lane County that would protect our undocumented brothers and sisters from the lack of due process when facing detention and deportation. We are asking you to support the adoption of a local ordinance that ensures due process for all residents. An Inclusivity Ordinance will do just that.

The United Methodist Church, its 7 million members in the United States, representing tens-of-thousands of churches, calls United Methodists to “recognize, embrace, and affirm all persons, **regardless of country of origin**, as members of the family of God. We affirm the right of all persons to equal opportunities for employment, access to housing, health care, education, and freedom from social discrimination. **We urge the Church and society to recognize the gifts, contributions, and struggles of those who are immigrants and to advocate for justice for all. We oppose immigration policies that separate family members from each other or that include detention of families with children...** (paragraph 162, 2016 Book of Discipline).”

We urge you to join other counties, like Hennepin County, Minnesota; Chesterfield County, Virginia; Monterey County, California; Travis County, Texas; and dozens of others, who have made a commitment to protect our undocumented neighbors. We believe Lane County will prosper, if Lane County is a safe place for all people.

Sincerely,

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