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False Claims, Real Harm: Oregon Leaders Demand Accountability from Federal Immigration Agencies

SALEM, Ore. – On January 8, 2026, federal immigration enforcement officers shot two people in East Portland. Shortly after, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) claimed the injured people were “[vicious](#)” gang members who tried to run over officers with their car. Only one day before, the department had made a similar claim after murder of Renee Nicole Good in Minnesota and a couple weeks later, Alex Pretti was also killed in Minnesota and described by the federal government as a far-left radical.

Less than a month later, [court records](#) stated DHS’ claims of the Portland couple being part of a gang were untrue. Neither had prior criminal convictions, and Yorlenys Zambrano-Contreras was a victim of sexual assault and robbery.

Oregon State Leaders Respond:

“Trust is earned, not demanded. The Trump administration has chosen immigration enforcement tactics that are violent, reckless, and openly discriminatory, terrorizing immigrant and refugee families and traumatizing children in Outer East Portland. Federal agencies that spread racist and xenophobic misinformation instead of doing their jobs to protect public safety must be held fully accountable,” said **Representative Andrea Valderrama (D–Outer East Portland)**.

“People in my community are scared to drop their kids off at school, go to the grocery store or sometimes leave their house at all,” said **Rep. Ricki Ruiz (D – Gresham)**. “As someone who has experienced this fear myself, I know how much it can disrupt your life. Our state will not be intimidated by federal bullies.”

“What we’re witnessing in our communities is not law enforcement. It is state-sponsored terror,” said **Rep. Lesly Muñoz (D – Woodburn)**. “Racial profiling and detaining people based on skin color and accent is outrageous in 2026.”

“This session has a laser focus on holding federal immigration enforcement accountable for the ways it is harming Oregonians,” said **Rep. Willy Chotzen (D – Outer SE Portland)**. “We’re doing everything we can to protect people against federal overreach. As Trump ramps up the presence of immigration enforcement in legally and morally unjustifiable ways, we need their officers to follow the law. Period.”

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