



Talking About Initiative Petition 22 (IP 22)

Goal: Define IP 22 as a harmful measure straight from the white supremacist movement that targets immigrants of color, or people perceived to be immigrants in Oregon.

Key Assumptions

- **Adapt language for your base.** *Examples:* immigrant communities will use ICE, while others should use federal immigration agents. Some communities may reference Trump, while others may not feel it's effective.
- **Use story:** Personal stories are incredibly effective at driving a narrative. Whenever possible, share our immigration stories.
- **Show, don't tell:** Show don't tell whenever possible.
- **Put in context:** When referencing Oregon's 30-year-old sanctuary law, put it in context. It was passed 30 years ago to address rampant racial profiling.
- **Law enforcement allies:** Many of our law enforcement professionals oppose repealing our sanctuary law because they see it will make our communities less safe. They are our allies in this work.

Key Message: Initiative Petition 22 opens the door to more racial profiling.

- IP 22 is a ballot measure straight out of the white supremacist movement that is trying to divide our country and Oregon.
- IP 22 would repeal Oregon's 30-year-old sanctuary law that was passed to address problems with unfair racial profiling of Oregonians.
- The sanctuary law was passed in 1987 for a very important reason: to end discrimination and profiling based on someone's race or ethnicity and to ensure that all Oregonians' basic rights are protected.
- Repealing this law would harm immigrant families that have been in Oregon for generations and are part of the fabric of our state. IP 22 would do away with protections against racial profiling and targeting of communities simply because they are immigrants or are perceived to be immigrants.
- 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.

Key Message: IP 22 will make our communities less safe.

- All Oregonians, including Oregon immigrants, care about safe communities. IP 22 will make our communities less safe.
- Law enforcement is already strapped for resources—911 calls in rural counties are already going unanswered. If passed, IP 22 would shift our limited public safety resources from community safety to enforce federal immigration laws without new dollars, the necessary training, equipment or tools.
- Oregon police departments already work with federal immigration agents to solve local crimes, serve federal warrants, and verify the immigration status of those arrested for a crime.
- Anything beyond that is the responsibility of the federal government. If our local police have to do the job of federal immigration agents, they will have less time to focus on solving crime and making our communities safer.

Key Message: It is important that America remains a beacon of hope and freedom for people all over the world.

- Diversity is one of America's greatest strengths—it's part of what defines us as a nation.
- Like many families before them, today's immigrants journey to the United States in search of a better life, and the freedom and opportunity we offer.
- Our state and nation is enriched by an array of experiences, cultures and traditions—this diversity strengthens our communities, our cities and our economy.
- America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to who we are as a nation.

Key Message: IP 22 does nothing to help us 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—that 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.
- The U.S. immigration system should reflect our American values and ideals. Among those values is the idea that strong families build strong individuals and strong societies.

Key Message: Immigrants are a core part of Oregon's 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 should have the opportunity to fully participate in and contribute to our state's and our nation's economy, communities, and future prosperity for all of us.