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Good afternoon,

My name is Ewnetu Tsegaw. I am a Policy Specialist at the Urban League of Portland and I am writing a statement of support on House Bill 1081, to raise the monthly cash grants that families on TANF receive by using caseload savings. As a direct community support services provider, the Urban League has many families who are TANF participants. We hear from our clients about their families' struggles trying to make it relying on the insufficient TANF cash grant. Stories of families struggling to make ends meet and to cover basic expenses are way too common. The ever-rising cost of living in the Portland metro area, for instance, calls for a revision and increase of the cash grant families receive. For this reason, we support HB 4081 and I hope the Early Childhood and family Support Committee will consider its significance and approve the bill.

Kindly,



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