

Dear House Committee on Housing and Human Services,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2508 requiring DHS to award grants to refugee resettlement agencies to provide services to refugees arriving in Oregon.

I am proud and fortunate to live in Oregon, and wish to be proactive in welcoming refugees to our land of freedom and opportunity. We can be a beacon of hope to refugees, but some government assistance to volunteer groups and non-governmental agencies can be of essential help in our efforts to provide safe, secure lives for refugees in our wonderful state. As a volunteer in St. Ignatius parish Tibbets House refugee settlement program, I know this to be true. Please consider supporting HB 2508.

Sincerely,  
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