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April 2, 2021

Dear Senate Education Committee:

I am writing on behalf of The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) in support of for Senate Bill 623, the COVID Recovery and Workforce Modernization Act of 2021 to ensure that that our public workforce system is responsive to the needs of individuals and communities most impacted by COVID-19.

As a provider of key programs supported by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and WorkSource Oregon, IRCO recognizes the need for additional support of our workforce infrastructure and to increase transparency and accountability of public workforce investments. For the past year, IRCO has served communities most vulnerable to the effects of COVID – immigrants, refugees, and communities of color – and know that leveraging expanded resources and relationships will encourage the positive systemic change that SB 623 offers.

We urge your support of SB 623.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me at leec@irco.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Po Cha', is written over a white background.

Lee Po Cha
Executive Director