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My name is Barbara Isaacman. I am a retired Public Defender who has recently represented noncitizen in asylum and deportation proceedings.

The term "alien" which is derogatory should have been retired long ago. The substitute, "noncitizen" reflects the actual status of those to whom it should be applied without making any value judgment about them.

The Biden Administration has recognized that the continued use of the term "alien" to describe noncitizen residing in the United States is completely inappropriate and directed federal agencies to replace it with "noncitizen."

Oregon, which prides itself as a welcoming place for all must do likewise. This is a non-brainer.

On another note, I have read Sen. Jama's proposed amendment which appears to be overkill. There can be no need for a hearing in order to change the term after the legislature requires that all statutes using the term "alien" replace it with "noncitizen."

Thank you for considering my position.

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