

Submitter: Perish Barnette

On Behalf  
Of: Oregon

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110  
Implementation

Measure: SB1543

Many people in removal proceedings have a legal claim to stay in the United States and contribute to Oregon's communities but are ultimately deported due to lack of access to legal counsel. Universal representation safeguards due process by allowing immigrant Oregonians to access the rights afforded to them under existing law, keeping families together and protecting Oregon's collective prosperity.

Representation by an attorney is the single most determinative factor in the outcome of a deportation proceeding. Representation by an attorney improves someone's chances of staying with their family by 457 percent. It's time to guarantee access to legal representation for all immigrant Oregonians.