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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110  
Implementation

Measure: SB1543

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and members of the Senate Judiciary  
Committee,

My name is Denise Holley and I live in Redmond. Through my job with the Latino Community Association, I met a couple from Honduras who were filing for asylum after members of the husband's family were murdered and the couple were threatened. They have a well-founded fear of persecution and records to document the events, but are trying to raise money for an attorney to present their case.

SB 1543 could provide the legal representation they need without having to raise thousands of dollars. The bill could help hundreds of other Central Oregonians who perform essential jobs in our economy, but face circumstances where they need legal help to avert a deportation. They are part of our community and deserve low-cost or free legal help to keep their families from being split apart.

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