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Oregon House of Early Childhood and Human Services  
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB4085 - Grant Assistance for Non-citizens'  
Immigration Status Change

Dear Oregon House of Early Childhood and Human Services

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 4085, which proposes to direct the Department of Human Services to provide grants to assist individuals who are non-citizens and do not possess valid immigration documentation in changing their immigration status or obtaining lawful permanent resident status.

This bill addresses a critical and humane need within our community, recognizing the challenges faced by non-citizens who lack the necessary immigration documentation. It is important for us to acknowledge the contributions that immigrants make to our society and the importance of providing a pathway for those without proper documentation to rectify their status.

Grant assistance, as proposed in HB4085, would play a pivotal role in facilitating this process for individuals who are striving to comply with immigration regulations and contribute positively to our society. By offering financial support, the Department of Human Services can help alleviate some of the burdens associated with the complex and often expensive immigration application process.

Furthermore, this initiative aligns with the principles of fairness, inclusivity, and compassion that make our state and nation strong. It reflects our commitment to providing opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their citizenship status, to fully participate in and contribute to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our communities.

In summary, I urge you to support House Bill 4085 and recognize its importance in fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for noncitizens seeking to regularize their immigration status. By providing grants through the Department of Human Services, we can empower individuals to navigate the immigration system, ultimately benefiting our diverse and vibrant community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will consider the positive impact that HB4085 can have on the lives of many noncitizens within our

state.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melina Moran