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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1532

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for Senate Bill 1532, a critical piece of legislation that directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop a comprehensive education plan for students who are immigrants, including asylum seekers and refugees. This bill embodies the principles of equality, inclusivity, and social justice that are at the core of socialist values.

Education is a fundamental human right, one that should be accessible to all, regardless of their country of origin or immigration status. By implementing a statewide plan, we ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive, to learn, and to contribute meaningfully to our society. This bill recognizes the unique challenges faced by immigrant students, including language barriers, cultural differences, and the trauma that may accompany their migration experiences. It is our duty to provide these students with the support and resources they need to overcome these obstacles.

Moreover, investing in the education of immigrant students is not only a moral imperative but also a practical one. By fostering a welcoming and supportive educational environment, we are nurturing the next generation of thinkers, leaders, and workers who will drive our state forward. The diversity of experiences and perspectives that immigrant students bring to our classrooms enriches the learning experience for all students, promoting a deeper understanding and appreciation of different cultures.

SB 1532 sends a clear message that Oregon values diversity and is committed to ensuring that every child, regardless of their background, has the tools they need to succeed. This bill is a step towards building a more equitable, inclusive, and just society.

I urge you to support SB 1532. Let us stand together in solidarity with immigrant families and affirm our commitment to education as a right that belongs to every child. In doing so, we not only uphold our values of compassion and equality but also invest in the future prosperity of our state.

Sincerely,
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