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SUBJECT: Yes, to HB 4085, Fund Pathways to Citizenship

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Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chair Scharf, Members of the Committee:

My name is Francisco Aguirre and I live in Multnomah County. I am writing in support of House Bill 4085, Pathway to Citizenship, which would assist many immigrants to seek immigration legal services to obtain or change a lawful permanent status. HB 4085 is important to me because of the challenges I have faced in struggling to pay my own immigration attorney and USCIS filing fees.

As an immigrant in this country, I have contributed to the country's economy and to the beautiful state of Oregon, which is the state where I have lived since, I was 15 years old and which I care about and work hard to make it a more inclusive state for everyone, regardless of immigration status.

The beauty of this beautiful state is made up of different communities full of cultures and languages, and therefore, family separation and incarceration accompanied by criminalization are not welcome in our communities. I ask you to represent us, by supporting Bill 4085. Together we can make Oregon an inclusive state where everyone is welcome and where we are all responsible for maintaining justice and peace, always in favor of our communities in Oregon.

We deserve more immigration legal support in Oregon and you have the opportunity to make it a reality together with the communities that make our beautiful Oregon.

For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 4085 to ensure access to immigration legal services.

Sincerely,

Francisco Aguirre.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francisco Aguirre', with a stylized flourish at the end.