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

Yes, on HB 4085

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

My name is Cristina and I live in Washington 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 not affording to pay for legal services is among the top 5 needs and priorities of communities in the areas where I live. I know this information because I have conducted listening sessions in various parts of Washington County for the past 15 years and the topic of immigration always comes up, especially the lack of financial resources for people to access free or affordable legal consultations.

I urge you to please support HB 4085 to ensure access to immigration legal services for all.

Thank you,

Cristina