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SUBJECT: Yes to HB 4085, Fund Pathways to Citizenship

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

My name is Olive Bukuru, and I live in Washington County. I am speaking in support of House Bill 4085, Pathway to Citizenship, which would assist many immigrants in seeking legal immigration services to obtain or change a lawful permanent status. HB 4085 is important because many community members and their families struggle to pay for immigration attorney and USCIS filing fees.

As an immigrant from Burundi, House Bill 4085, Pathway to Citizenship, is significant for me because it reflects the values of inclusivity, fairness, and compassion in Oregon. This Bill shows me that Oregon is committed to providing opportunities for undocumented immigrants to achieve legal status and contribute to the community. This Bill will also have the opportunity to promote a more diverse and vibrant Oregon, where everyone has a chance to thrive and pursue their dreams.

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

Thank you,

Olive Bukuru