

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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TO: Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazan, Vice Chair Pham, and members of the Community

House Committee on rules HCR17;

My name is Chanty Chut and I came to the United States in 1980. I lived and worked during the Khmer Rouge Pol Pot in 1975-1979 and you all know how horrible it was. During the Pol Pot regime, my life was almost over many times. But luckily in 1979 when the Khmer Rouge regime collapsed, I escaped to Thailand then to the USA in 1980. After living in an Illinois suburb for 18 years, my wife and I decided to move to Portland, Oregon in 1998. When we first arrived in Portland, we had no friends, but later we found the Cambodian American Community of Oregon (CACO). At first, we just wanted our 2 new children to have a good time with Cambodian American Community of Oregon (CACO) Camping. But time went by, we realized that Cambodian American Community of Oregon (CACO) does more than just the Camping, they have many programs and events to promote good causes and higher education especially for the younger generation.

When I arrived here in the USA in 1980, I didn't speak English and there was no community like Cambodian American Community of Oregon (CACO) that could help me, so I had to learn the hard way by myself. I managed to go to work and study at the same time till I earned my bachelor degree in 1992. Now I can see Cambodian American Community of Oregon (CACO) that helps so many people within the community. With this, I am seeking your support of HCR17 to help our Cambodian American Community of Oregon (CACO) so we can continue to support good cause.

Sincerely;

Chanty Chut

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chanty Chut', written in a cursive style.