

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Pyae S Aung. I am from Burma, and I live in Multnomah county. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 703 because it has had a life-changing impact on my family and many others like us. As a refugee, I have work hard to rebuild my life in the United States, but despite my efforts, I could not afford the high immigration fees required for family reunification. For 11 years, I was separated from my wife and son, longing for the day we could be together again.

Senate Bill 703, offers critical financial relief for immigration-related expenses. SB 703 will allow for families to reunite once again. This bill is more than just a policy- it is a lifeline for refugees and immigrants to contribute to society but struggle with financial barriers. It provides hope, dignity , and the chance for families to be whole again. I urge you to continue supporting Senate Bill 703 so that families can experience the joy and stability of reunification.

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