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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Housing Oregon strongly supports SB 703, the Pathways to Protection and Citizenship Act. Up to one-third of Oregonians without an immigration status—over 25,000 people—are eligible under federal law for legal status. Due to the high cost of legal services, they are locked out of opportunities and are unable to live without fear, work in mainstream employment, and support their families.

When someone transitions from undocumented to more secure immigration status, they gain protection from exploitation, become eligible for mortgage loans, and can fully participate in their communities. Citizenship provides even greater stability, leading to higher incomes, access to federal housing assistance, and increased tax contributions that benefit all Oregonians.

We urge you to support SB 703 and help remove barriers to legal status, ensuring that more Oregonians can achieve housing stability, economic security, and the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to housing justice for all Oregonians.

Sincerely,  
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