

Submitter: Jan Zuckerman

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB703

Chair Prozanski Vice-Chair Thatcher and members of the committee

My Name is Jan Zuckerman and I am a retired teacher from Portland. My grandparents were immigrants, and I am married to an immigrant who started his own business and has spent the last 45 years working 10-12 hour days in this country- this land of opportunity.

I am writing to ask you to support SB 703/HB 2788, Pathways to Protection and Citizenship. Now more than ever, we need to support affordable legal services for immigrants who are living in fear. More than 13% of our workforce are immigrant and refugee families but are limited by finances from obtaining a safe and secure legal status. This is unacceptable.

SB 703 allocates money to the ODHS to award grants to nonprofit legal service providers that cover the cost of client's legal services. This is exactly the kind of bill that Oregonians are proud to support. It helps families and the economy and is the ethical and moral thing to do as humans beings living on this earth.

Thank you for supporting our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Sincerely,
Jan Zuckerman