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One third of immigrants and refugees in Oregon are eligible for permanent residency status, but they don't have access to legal services to advocate for their cases. SB 703 provides grants to nonprofit service providers to assist individuals who are noncitizens to change their immigration status or obtain lawful permanent resident status. With the Trump administration directing ICE to deport immigrants, SB 703 is needed now more than ever. This is a justice issue for immigrant families who are being separated, but also an economic issue for businesses who depend on immigrant workers in agriculture, homebuilding, and many other trades.

Oregon has a long tradition as a leader in human rights. Let us support immigrants and refugees at this critical time by passing SB 703.

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