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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB703

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 703, and urging your committee to advance this important legislation. Because of my work with refugees and immigrants, I have come to recognize their character, bravery, and desire to participate fully in American society. They need help in moving along the glacial process of improving immigrant status and obtaining permanent resident status on their road to citizenship. These are the kind of people who founded our country, and offering grants to nonprofit service providers to help these individuals avoid deportation and assist them on their journey to full participation in society can only be of benefit to us all.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital bill.

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