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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB703

Dear Chair Prozanski and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary. I am writing to you in support of SB 703, which provides grants to nonprofits to help immigrants improve their legal status. Many people in Oregon would want to improve their status cannot do that because of the costs. I am a volunteer for RISP which is a nonprofit which helps newly settled refugees & immigrants in Eugene Oregon. I have seen how the settled refugees and new immigrants help create a more stable workforce in Oregon. The people I have come alongside to support, who have immigrated here, perform essential jobs like childcare, elder care, restaurant jobs, create small businesses, and many other positions needed for Oregon to flourish. The work has been done with excellence!

I also feel great pride in our democratic state and that we continue to be a sanctuary state that offers protection for all of us with safety, dignity, and human rights. Thank you for caring for all of us, especially the most vulnerable at this time.

With gratitude for your work at the Senate, Karen Kumpula Lacey and Dr. Michael Lacey