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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB703
Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Please support SB 703. It will provide assistance to eligible noncitizens to pay immigration legal expenses.

This issue is important to Oregon. These people are important to Oregon. There are about 285,000 immigrant workers in Oregon's labor force, including 64% of the workers in crop production. About 120,00 Oregon immigrants are eligible for naturalization. Over 25,000 Oregonians who lack documentation are eligible under existing federal law for protection, but lack access to immigration legal assistance. These are our friends, our neighbors, our families.

Oregonians identified to receive immigration legal assistance include:

Dreamers

Those who served as interpreters for U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan

Those eligible under federal law to change status or obtain lawful permanent resident status

Those eligible for citizenship

SB 703 funds will help to replace the federal funds that had gone to the legal aid non-profits but have been withheld by the Trump administration.

Vote YES for SB 703.

Thank you for the work you are doing for Oregonians.

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