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On Behalf Of:
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Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Cameron Coval. I live in Gresham and am the Executive Director of Pueblo Unido Pdx, a nonprofit organization that connects Oregonians with vulnerable immigration status to legal, social, and Indigenous language interpretation services.

I am here today representing the over 100,000 immigrant Oregonians that Pueblo Unido and Oregon Worker Relief have served through our various funds and programs. This is a critical moment for immigrant justice in Oregon. Immigrant Communities are under attack and yet, they are the backbone of our communities and economy. Despite paying billions in taxes, immigrants are often excluded from safety net programs that provide basic needs. As a member of Oregon Worker Relief and as an Oregonian, I am here in strong support of advancing the immigrant justice package. The 2025 Immigrant Justice Package offers proven, cost-effective solutions. It ensures immigrant communities have access to legal representation, disaster relief, housing stability, language support, and food assistance—basic rights that help families stay together and succeed. Supporting the immigrant Justice package includes supporting:

Farmworker Disaster Relief Fund - HB 3193
Indigenous Language Justice - HB 2976
Food for All Oregonians - SB 611
Funding for Universal Representation - HB2543
Home Fund

Whether we were born here or came here seeking a better life, Oregonians share the same hopes: to work hard, take care of our families, and make our communities better. Every Oregonian, including immigrant Oregonians, should have access to basic rights and protections like housing, food, due process and the right to understand and be understood. Immigrant Oregonians are our friends, teachers, healthcare workers and neighbors— and they have been the backbone of our state's economy for decades. At a time where our communities are forced to live in fear,, we urge you to prioritize investments that maximize opportunities for Oregon families and communities. As you build the State's budget, we urge you to ensure that Oregonians have the basic necessities to live a prosperous life and keep our state strong. Investing in our community-centered programs supports Oregon's workforce, builds resilience, and strengthens communities statewide.

I urge you to invest in the Immigrant Justice Package.

Thank you,
Cameron Coval