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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB149

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,  
My name is Debrah Wong. I am writing to advocate for the passage of SB 194, the  
"Oregon's New Neighbors Coordinated Access Act".

Immigrants contributions to our economy, our schools, our churches, our  
communities are significant. I go to local businesses, gaze around and see groups of  
diverse people including immigrants supporting businesses. Personally, my family's  
business would not have thrived without the support of immigrants. I utilize the goods  
and services provided by immigrant owned businesses, appreciate their hard work  
and recognize the taxes they pay to support our government services. Having grown  
up in a farming community, I know who has grown and harvested the food on my  
plate. My social circle includes a diverse group of people including immigrants who  
have contributed in immeasurable ways to my life.

SB 194 will create coordinated access to the stabilizing support services including  
housing, health care, employment and education for new Oregonians to help them  
begin a new life contributing to their community.

Please vote to support the passage of SB 194.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration,

Debrah Wong