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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1594

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for the bill relating to immigration that directs the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (OIRA) to develop and maintain model policies, standards, and procedures related to the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

Oregon has long taken pride in being a state that values dignity, safety, and fairness for all who call it home. This legislation is an important step in ensuring that state and local agencies have clear, consistent guidance when navigating the complexities of federal immigration enforcement. By centralizing best practices through OIRA, the state can reduce confusion, prevent inconsistent application of policies, and promote approaches that align with Oregon's values and legal framework.

Clear model policies help protect immigrant and refugee communities while also supporting public servants who are often placed in difficult positions without adequate guidance. This bill promotes transparency, accountability, and coordination—ensuring that enforcement practices do not undermine community trust, public safety, or access to essential services.

Declaring this measure an emergency is appropriate. Immigrant and refugee communities are currently experiencing heightened uncertainty and fear, and timely action is necessary to provide clarity and stability across state and local systems. When communities trust public institutions, everyone benefits.

Thank you for your leadership and for advancing policies that reflect Oregon's commitment to equity, safety, and inclusion. I urge you to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,
Tanya Macedo
Oregon Resident