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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1538
To Whom It May Concern :

I am a retired K-12 educator, and I am writing you in support of Oregon SB 1538. This bill prohibits discrimination in education related to immigration or citizenship status and requires districts to base these policies on models prepared by the Attorney General.

Based on the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, in 1982, the Supreme Court ruled in Plyler v. Doe that states cannot constitutionally deny students a free public education based on their immigration status.

In 2023, Oregon's immigrants paid \$2.1 billion in state and local taxes which helped fund this basic right. Immigrants deserve an education in the United States which is equal to that of its citizens.

I urge your support for SB1538.

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