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## Community Alliance of Lane County

Statement in Support of HB2819  
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**Community Alliance of Lane County encourages passage of HB 2819.** All income-eligible workers in Oregon deserve the right to claim the state's Earned Income Tax Credit, regardless of how they file their taxes, and they also deserve the additional financial boost to make up for what the federal credit denies ITIN filers.

Workers across Lane County need the benefits of the EITC. Predominantly Latino and Asian Americans, they are excluded from them in a discriminatory manner. Many file their taxes using an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, and they and their families needlessly go without the tax credit they earned. Agriculture, food processing, retail, and construction workers contribute to the quality of life in our county and state. Indeed, they are essential. But these essential workers have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic due to racial inequities across the state.

The EITC raises income and living standards, encourages and rewards employment, and rightly enjoys bipartisan support. Pass HB2819.

The people of Lane County endure an 18.5 percent poverty rate, significantly higher than the national average. Passing HB 2819 means that nearly 90,000 U.S. citizens living in mixed-status households in Oregon will benefit from the EITC, most of whom are children.

Oregonians remain awash amid the structural racism developed over our state's past — a history and set of structures which have yet to be honestly faced and transformed. CALC calls on our legislature to end the ITIN exclusion as one way to promote racial equity and makes our tax system less inequitable.

Pass HB2819.