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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jennifer Tehani Sarreal, I am a resident of Salem Oregon and I am writing in support of SB 5525 OHA General Fund Investments, which would grant essential funding for the Public Health Modernization Program benefitting organizations such as the Micronesian Islander Community organization, of which I am in full support.

The Micronesian Islander Community has done a world of good for Micronesians in Oregon and the diverse Islander community at large through its dedicated work in social justice, equity and public health. I write this letter as both a BIPOC woman of mixed heritages/race who strongly identifies with the AANHPI community and as a former COVID contract worker for the Micronesian Islander Community.

I have seen firsthand and have personally benefitted from the massively profound effect the Micronesian Islander Community has had on our communities in Oregon through its programs and services fostering community-building, elevating traditionally marginalized voices, empowering cultural preservation and promoting public health awareness for Micronesians and the community at large.

Receiving funding through SB 5525 OHA General Fund Investments will enable the Micronesian Islander Community, a vital community based organization, to continue to provide for the communities that perennially rely on its programming and services – particularly following the aftermath of a global pandemic event which greatly impacted already-traditionally marginalized BIPOC communities.

I am in full support of SB 5525 OHA General Fund Investments and the Public Health Modernization Program for organizations such as the Micronesian Islander Community and many others that continue to ensure the health, safety and well-being of our communities served.

Thank you for your time,



Jennifer Tehani Sarreal