

Submitter: Salah Ansary

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB4159

Dear Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services:

Lutheran Community Services Northwest has been a long time provider of refugee resettlement services to refugees and immigrants in the Northwest. As a social service agency, we have resettled more than 45,000 refugees in the Northwest. We are extremely grateful with introduction of HB 4159. With passage of this bill, we will truly be a beacon of hope for our new neighbors and the future citizens of our great nation. Asylum seekers, unlike refugees do not have the kind of support to sustain themselves They need shelter, food, immigration legal services, and social service support. We urge and ask for your support in passage of HB 4159.

Respectfully,

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Advocacy and Government Affairs.

Lutheran Community Services Northwest