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Joint Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Services

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Subcommittee:

At your hearing on March 12, 2025, during Oregon Department of Human Services' presentation on an overview of the Refugee program, Representative Scharf asked how many individuals have been directly impacted by recent executive orders suspending the Reception and Placement program.

Please see our response and corrections below:

Question 1: Oregonians Impacted by Recent Executive Orders

Based on our estimates and consultation with resettlement agencies (RAs), the executive orders suspending the Reception and Placement (R&P) program have directly impacted 580 individuals. This includes 418 individuals who have already resettled in Oregon and for whom the RAs are no longer reimbursed for services provided during their initial 90 days. The resettlement agencies also estimate that the flights for at least 162 individuals scheduled to fly to Oregon were cancelled due to the suspension of the R&P program.

The indirect impact of these executive orders could be far reaching and effect thousands of individuals already resettled in Oregon. The program is currently unable to accurately estimate this indirect impact since our federal partner, the Office of Refugee Resettlement, has not yet communicated any cuts to programming or funding.