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To: Senate Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Legislature

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Inna Savina and I support **Senate Bill 476**. I came to the U.S. as a refugee with a higher education and work experience. But I could not continue my career because the process to recognize my diploma was too difficult and expensive. I had to take other jobs to support my family instead of working in my profession.

Many refugees have the same problem. They are doctors, nurses, and professionals, but they cannot work in their fields. This is bad for them, their families, and the community. At the same time, Oregon needs more skilled workers.

SB 476 can help. It will make the process easier for refugees and immigrants to work in their professions. This will help them and also help Oregon by filling important jobs.

Please support SB 476. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Inna Savina