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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB599

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in support of SB 599, which prohibits landlords from inquiring about or disclosing immigration status or rejecting an applicant due to immigration status. I support this bill because:

- SB 599 is essential for breaking down systemic barriers that disproportionately impact marginalized groups, such as people of color and those with criminal records. By providing fair housing opportunities to individuals with past convictions, SB 599 encourages rehabilitation and may lower recidivism rates.
- SB 599 could create a more stable rental market, potentially decreasing homelessness and its related costs to the state.
- SB 599 seeks to build a sense of community and inclusion for those who have faced substantial obstacles due to their histories.
- SB 599 positions Oregon as a pioneer in progressive housing policies.

I urge you to pass SB 599 as a vital step toward a more just housing system.

Thank you for your consideration,

-Stacey.