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Re: Support for SB-599

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for SB-599, which aims to ensure that all Oregonians have access to fair housing.

As a member of a minority community, I have personally witnessed the inequality that occurs when individuals without proper identification, such as a passport or social security number, are denied housing. This results in many people becoming discouraged and ultimately ending up in a houseless situation, which creates a larger crisis not just locally, but statewide.

If SB-599 is supported, many households will gain access to safe and secure housing, which will enable them to focus on improving their education, finding better job opportunities, and contributing to a stronger community. This can lead to a more prosperous and thriving economy for all of Oregon.

For these reasons, I urge you to lend your strong support to this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and for your dedicated service to Oregon communities.

Sincerely,
Miguel Salgado