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On Behalf Of:

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I'm writing in support of this bill creating a sister-state relationship between the oblast of Cherkasy, Ukraine and the State of Oregon, in order to continue to promote the ideals of basic human rights, civil liberties, and strength in diversity of people and ideas.

In that more than 4,500 Ukrainians have arrived in Oregon since Russia upended the lives of everyday Ukrainians and invaded the sovereign nation in February 2022, I feel compelled to act in support and solidarity with Ukraine.

I believe that federal grants to support refugees from war-torn Ukraine are vital to refugees securing critical access to housing assistance, employment services, health and mental health programs, and legal services.