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We are a nation built on immigration. This simple truth has been the engine driving generations to contribute to the rich tapestry of cultures, ideas, and communities that make up the United States of America. It is what makes us unique in the world—not bound by race, religion, ethnicity, or creed, but united in our shared commitment to democracy and our collective striving to create a more perfect union.

SB 703 represents a crucial step toward ensuring that those who wish to join us in this great experiment can do so legally and with the necessary support to succeed. It reflects Oregon's unwavering dedication to the ideals of inclusivity, diversity, and shared humanity. We welcome all who seek a better life and contribute to our vibrant, pluralistic community.

In this moment of rising xenophobia, racism, and division, this bill is a reminder of what we stand for: a society where all are welcome, regardless of origin, and where our differences strengthen rather than divide us. It is a reaffirmation of our commitment to the principles that have made us a beacon of hope for generations of immigrants from every corner of the world.

By passing this legislation, we not only honor our immigrant roots but also reaffirm our dedication to building a future where all can thrive. This bill is an essential step toward protecting the dignity and rights of those who come to this country seeking refuge, opportunity, and a better life for themselves and their families.

I urge you to support this bill and continue Oregon's proud tradition of fostering a society that celebrates diversity, promotes inclusion, and upholds the promise of the American Dream for all.