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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, Members of the Committee,

My name is Olive Bukuru, and I live in Washington County. I am speaking in support of Senate Bill Sb 703, Pathways to Citizenship, which would assist many immigrants in seeking legal immigration services to obtain or change a lawful permanent status. SB 703 is important because many community members and their families struggle to pay for immigration attorney and USCIS filing fees.

As an immigrant from Burundi, Senate Bill 703, Pathways to Citizenship, is significant for me because it reflects the values of inclusivity, fairness, and compassion in Oregon. This Bill shows me that Oregon is committed to providing opportunities for undocumented immigrants to achieve legal status and contribute to the community. This Bill will also have the opportunity to promote a more diverse and vibrant Oregon, where everyone has a chance to thrive and pursue their dreams.

For these reasons, I urge you to support SB 703 to ensure access to immigration legal services for those eligible.

Thank you,
Olivé Bukuru