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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB703

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee;

I urge you to support SB 703.

SB 703 will support grants from ODHS to help immigrant Oregonians receive naturalization and citizenship services. Our immigrant neighbors play an important role in our communities, and when they are ready to become citizens, we should welcome them with open arms. Our state and our nation rely on the hard work of immigrants, who contribute to our strong economy, pay taxes, and express their love for this country by their choice to build lives here despite the challenges. Legal representation for immigrants seeking citizenship is not only fair and just but it is good for Oregon.

In an uncertain and challenging national climate for immigrants, SB 703 is one concrete way we can support immigrant Oregonians and live out the values behind our commitment to be a sanctuary state.

Please support SB 703. Thank you!

In peace,  
Rev. Audrey Zunkel-deCoursey