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I am writing in support of SB 703. As an immigrant myself, I had spent 10 years navigating the complex immigration system (from visa to adjustment of status, to Permanent Resident to Naturalization as a citizen). Our immigration system is complex and broken. This often requires legal assistance in completing paperwork and making sure that every forms and information provided are submitted accurately. There are severe consequences for filing inaccurate information in immigration process. Under current Trump administration when immigrants and refugees are being used as political pawns, we as a state can rise up to the challenge in proving grants to nonprofit services to assist with individuals who noncitizens to change their immigration status or obtain lawful permanent resident status. These legal resources can remove tremendous barriers for people to move forward in their immigration status and be productive citizens of our community. Immigration legal fees and filing fees are extrememly costly which become a barrier for many immigrants. Please support SB 703. Thank you.