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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB149

Dear members fo the Senate Judiciary Committee,

As a physician who has worked with immigrants prior to them coming to this US, and then caring for refugees when they have gotten here, I urge you to support SB 149.

I have also volunteered with Lutheran Community Services, & have seen them struggle to maintain basic services now that government support has so eroded. This is not good for our state, which relies heavily on the contributions immigrants & refugees eventually give us, including taxes!

We really need this legislation to increase the collaboration between ODHS/OIRA, refugee resettlement agencies, and community-based organizations working with our state's newest neighbors. And when Oregonians can get the support they need to adjust to their new home earlier, their outcomes and our future as a state are far brighter.