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Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee -

We were all once immigrants or refugees to this country (except for our Native community) and we all needed help to get started. My great grandparents were given a parcel of land in Ohio to farm - that created generational wealth that greatly benefited me. A coordinated system of welcoming immigrants to Oregon will save money and confusion. A study to bring those who are most involved into a collaborative community to find ways to best address these issues is needed.

Supporting new Oregonians with targeted resources eases the burden on the already-strained homeless and housing systems. Most new Oregonians and refugees only require temporary shelter and short-term rental assistance, along with culturally appropriate case management, to stabilize. This investment can prevent a future strain on emergency systems. And this bill makes extended case management accessible to more people who need a little extra support.

Creating long-term success for immigrants and refugees coming to Oregon is a win for everyone.

Thank you for considering this bill and passing it out of committee.

In gratitude for your service.

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