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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB149

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

I write in strong support of SB149. You have already received many compelling and detailed letters of support which I will not repeat here. As a volunteer with various refugee programs and a licensed mental health clinician, I have seen both the need for appropriate ongoing services (including case management) and the significant positive impacts of such support, not only for those who receive the care but for the community at large. We know that immigrants are making substantial contributions to our state in a number of domains, and we all benefit when newcomers to our state are able to become self-sufficient and self-sustaining. Providing adequate supportive services to refugees as they settle into Oregon is not only a sound investment in the future. It's the right thing to do. Please vote to move this vital bill forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

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