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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB149

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,

My name is Peter Bergel and I live in Salem.

Although I realize that money is really tight during this legislative session, please support SB 149. It is a way of not only making it possible to provide hope and a small slice of access to the American Dream to refugees fleeing from unacceptable circumstances in their home countries, but also a way of replacing some of the funding recklessly cut by the Trump administration. Ending and reversing the administration's ill-considered actions in many areas will take time, but meanwhile the Oregon Legislature can take a hand in ameliorating the damage that is being done.

Please pass SB 149. It's the compassionate thing to do!