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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,

I am writing to ask for your support for SB 149, which would require the Department of Human Services to study immigration. At a time when immigrants are already living in fear, this has a profoundly negative impact for the health and stability of our communities. Refugee resettlement services and organizations assisting newcomer families and asylum seekers are already feeling the strain put on them by the federal government. As a pastor of a Lutheran congregation and person of faith, I believe that what makes our communities stronger is when we open pathways toward belonging and stability instead of closing a door.

Thanks you for your time and attention,

Rev. Henry Martinez