



April 8, 2025

Chair Floyd Prozanski  
Vice Chair Kim Thatcher  
Senate Human Service Committee  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of Senate Bill (SB) 149**, the “Oregon’s New Neighbors Coordinated Access Act.”

Church at the Park (CAP) is a non-profit located in Salem, Oregon, that serves unhoused adults and families in Marion and Polk Counties. CAP empowers people to change their lives and exit poverty by providing vital low-barrier shelter and employment services. CAP seeks the mutual transformation of unsheltered people, our staff, and our volunteers through relationships, agency partnerships, and tangible resources.

SB 149 is designed to improve access to essential stabilizing support services for newly arrived immigrants and refugees in Oregon. Expanding case management to newly arrived Oregonians ensures they can quickly connect to the help they need, including emergency housing, school enrollment, and healthcare, enabling them to begin building stable, productive lives in their new communities.

Your support of SB 149 will help ensure that no one falls through the cracks during one of the most vulnerable times in their lives, and it strengthens the systems that make Oregon a welcoming place for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D.J. Vincent".

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