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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB149

Dear Committee Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Gwynn Sawyer Ostrom from Eugene and I am writing in support of SB 149. I volunteer at Catholic Community Services Refugee and Immigrant Services Program (RISP), and I see first-hand how important providing initial support to new refugees and immigrants to Eugene. The team at RISP works tirelessly to find temporary housing, employment, school connections, doctors and dentists - everything a person would need to get started anew in the area.

It is critical to continue to support these individuals in every way we possibly can. SB 149 helps ensure that no one falls through the cracks during one of the most vulnerable times in their life and it strengthens the systems that make Oregon a welcoming place for all.

Please consider supporting this important bill.

Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of all residents, and thank you for your service.

Gwynn Sawyer Ostrom