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

My name is Gayle McMurria-Bachik and a homeowner in Keizer, Oregon. I am writing to you to advocate for the passage of SB149, Dash 3 amendment the Oregon's New Neighbors Coordinated Access Act". Senate Bill 149, Dash 3 Amendment that is currently being herd by the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Many organizations around Oregon are already doing the daily work of refugee resettlement, and we can help them to stay viable with SB149 by creating coordinated access to stabilizing support services for new Oregonians.

It is an opportunity for our state to continue to work together to ensure that all people of our communities thrive. People move, and like any new neighbor, a little bit of support and welcome goes a long way for our refugee and immigrant neighbors.

This bill will provide non-governmental organizations that are doing excellent work in refugee resettlement to receive funding from the State of Oregon. Organizations like Salem For Refugees will become eligible for grants and if funded will be able to continue to do their good work.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Gayle