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To: Chair Prozanski
Vice Chair Thatcher
Members of the Committee

My name is Joanne Timshel and I am a member of the greater Oregon community. I am writing to advocate for the passage of SB 149, the "Oregon's New Neighbors Coordinated Access Act", because I feel it is important that Oregon show the world that we care about others, about those who have had to flee their homes and find new ones. Help us make a safe new home for these refugees.

This bill will do exactly what it says - create coordinated access to the support services for new Oregonians. SB 149 will both coordinate with and alleviate pressure on the mainstream housing and emergency shelter system in Oregon, which will help us reach Governor Kotek's housing goals.

Like many others, I have Grandparents who were refugees from Europe during the great World War. In their honor, I plead with you to pass this bill.

Thank you
Joanne Timshel