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Oregon State Senate  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Oregon State Senate,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 149, which aims to improve access to essential support services for newly arrived immigrants and refugees in Oregon. As someone who is deeply committed to fostering a more inclusive and compassionate community, I believe this bill is a vital step toward ensuring that individuals and families who are starting a new chapter in Oregon are given the support they need to survive and become independently successful.

New immigrants and refugees often face significant challenges as they transition into their new lives, and SB 149 addresses some of the most urgent needs during this vulnerable time. By connecting individuals with critical resources such as emergency housing, school enrollment, and healthcare, the bill will make a real difference in helping these individuals build stable, productive lives in their new communities.

This bill not only provides essential services, but it also strengthens the systems that make Oregon a welcoming state for all people, regardless of their background. We all benefit when we ensure that everyone in our communities has the opportunity to succeed, and SB 149 will help ensure that no one is left behind during one of the most crucial moments in their lives.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 149 and stand with those who are seeking to make a new life in Oregon. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued commitment to creating a more inclusive and supportive state.

Sincerely,

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