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Thank you for the opportunity to enthusiastically support Senate Bill 149. What an incredible opportunity to expand American greatness as a beacon to vulnerable people dreaming of a better life. Comprehensive support for parolees and asylum seekers in Oregon would be life-changing for the brave hardworking people starting a new life in their new country. Funding for the organizations that help them integrate into their new communities and neighborhoods is crucial for their transition into becoming productive members of society.

Welcoming new families with a clear path paved by dedicated specialists streamlines what can be a tumultuous journey. This support would dramatically stabilize case management, including connecting newcomers with housing, employment, and educational opportunities.

Oregonians greatly appreciate your consideration and encourage you to vote YES on this critical bill. Thank you!