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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB149

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,
My name is [Your name] and I am a [Job title/congregation member/community member] of [Faith Organization/ Non-profit/ where you live]. I am writing to advocate for the passage of SB 149, the "Oregon's New Neighbors Coordinated Access

Act", because [include 1-3 sentences about why this matters to you]

This bill will do exactly what it says - create coordinated access to the stabilizing support

services for new Oregonians. When a new immigrant community member arrives, they

will be able to find the emergency support that they need in a timely way, so they can shelter and house their families, enroll in school and healthcare services, and begin a new life contributing to their community

SB 149 expands the Extended Case Management program for refugees and other community members who are eligible, which will enable resettlement agencies and other CBO's to provide additional assistance to families who may need a little extra support when they time out of traditional resettlement services.

By supporting newly arrived immigrant Oregonian families, refugee Oregonians, and having additional case management and stabilization available for those who need it, SB 149 will both coordinate with and alleviate pressure on the mainstream housing and emergency shelter system in Oregon.