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Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and members of the committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HCR 17, recognizing and honoring Cambodian Americans and all lost in the Cambodian Genocide.

This month marks fifty years since the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide when the Khmer Rouge seized control of Cambodia in April 1975. Between then and 1979, approximately two million people died.

The history of the Genocide, and of conflict in Southeast Asia more generally, is intricately intertwined with American history. In the aftermath, hundreds of thousands of Cambodian and Southeast Asian refugees came to the United States, including to Oregon. Though the bloodshed has ended, the Genocide remains a living conflict for many survivors in Oregon today.

Oregonians of Cambodian heritage are integral to the culture of our state. I urge this committee to support HCR 17 because it honors Cambodian Americans living in Oregon and affirms their belonging.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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