Submitter: Constance Yost

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB599

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to you today in support of SB 599 fair housing for all. No Oregonian should be denied housing because of their immigration status.

I am President of Farm Worker Ministry Northwest and as such represent people of faith and conscience in Oregon. We believe it is our moral duty to stand in solidarity with all of our neighbors irrespective of their immigration status.

We are in support of SB 599 as this bill prohibits housing discrimination based on immigration status.

Housing discrimination has many impacts, including health issues, wealth inequality, and segregation. Oregon can be a leader in reducing these disparities by passing SB 599.

SB 599 will reduce homelessness and economic hardship for Oregonians.

Everyone has a right to safe housing and should not be discriminated against on the basis of their immigration status.

I urge you to pass SB 599 to ensure all Oregonians in every corner of our state get a fair shot at housing.

Sincerely, Constance Yost Portland, OR