

Submitter: Sara Duncan
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.

Immigrant Oregonians are the same as all of us. The failing of the federal government to give a reasonable path to citizenship should not be a weight on the shoulders of every Oregonian. I don't want this line item on a piece of paper to be the reason my neighbor can't find housing. Immigrant Oregonians pay taxes, they keep our state running, and YET they can be denied housing.

I am tired of walking past unhoused neighbors, people forced to sleep on the sidewalk. I hate the feeling of helplessness I have knowing I have already filled all the rooms in my house. Oregon is better than this.

SB 599 takes a small step towards humanity. Please, don't let them leave my friends outside in the cold for no fault of their own. Pass SB 599 because it's the right thing to do.

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

Sincerely,
Sara Duncan
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