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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

I am writing to urge lawmakers to support the Immigrant Justice Package, which includes:

HB 3193 Farmworker Disaster Relief Fund

HB 2976 Indigenous Language Justice

Universal Representation

HB 5011 Home Fund

SB 611 Food for All Oregonians

Immigrant Oregonians are our neighbors, classmates, co-workers, loved ones, and members of our community who play a vital role in our state's economy and culture. Oregon's agriculture industry heavily relies on immigrant laborers. Our farmworkers play a critical role in Oregon's agriculture industry and contribute billions of dollars to the state's economy. We must protect our essential workers from the physical and mental dangers of extreme weather conditions.

The Immigrant Justice Package:

HB 3193 Farmworker Disaster Relief Fund: Protects essential agricultural workers during extreme weather events, making sure the people who grow our food don't have to choose between their safety and paying rent or feeding their families.

HB 2976 Indigenous Language Justice: Ensures Indigenous languages speakers can access qualified interpreters. Everyone deserves to understand and be understood, especially in hospitals, courts, schools and public offices.

Universal Representation: Ensures due process by providing legal representation to immigrants facing deportation or seeking to adjust their status. In its first two years, this successful program will have helped 10,000 Oregonians maintain stability for their families and employers.

HB 5011 Home Fund: Provides emergency assistance to immigrant Oregonians to prevent eviction and homelessness through trusted community-based organizations to keep our communities stable and our workforce strong.

SB 611 Food for All Oregonians: Allows youth Oregonians (6 and under) to access food assistance, because no one should go hungry in our state. When all families can put food on the table, our children do better in school, health care costs decrease,

and our local businesses thrive.

Thank you for supporting immigrants, families, and children.

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