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On Behalf Of: HB 5006 Immigrant Justice Package
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

We urge you to fund all parts of the Immigrant Justice Package:

HB 3193 Farmworker Disaster Relief Fund

HB 2976 Indigenous Language Justice

Universal Representation

HB 5011 Home Fund

SB 611 Food for All Oregonians

1. Agriculture is a great part of this state, and all who live in Oregon should remember that farmworkers are essential workers. When weather emergencies occur (heat, fire, flood, earthquake, etc.) the farmworkers lose wages, but expenses don't stop!
2. Farmworkers come from Mexico, Guatemala, and other parts of Central America. Some know Spanish, but many do not. People who know Indigenous languages do not yet have adequate interpreters for support in hospitals, courts, or schools.
3. In Oregon, an average farmworker makes around \$34,500 annually, living paycheck to paycheck to support the family. If a lawyer is needed for ANY reason, the cost is probably out-of-reach.
4. Children under 6 need adequate nutrition. This makes a difference for their health now and long-term, plus it affects their learning.

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