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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2586

Dear Senate Education Committee Members,

Thank you for addressing HB2586A and its important immigration policy issue. As Oregonians, we should be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises. Thank you for the ways you have already agreed to support our fellow humans who have faced such difficulties.

Oregon Senate Bill 553 (2021) extended in-state tuition to individuals who have already been granted asylum. Because of court backlogs, asylum seekers typically have to wait years to have their cases heard. I am proud that refugees can receive cash, medical assistance, and help finding jobs when they come to Oregon. They should also be eligible for lower, in-state tuition rates.

Please support for HB 2586A.

Thank you for your service!

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