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| On Behalf Of: | |
| Committee: | Senate Committee On Education |
| Measure, Appointment or Topic: | HB2586 |

Dear Chair Frederick and members of the Senate Committee on Education, My name is Charlotte Zeller. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB2586. I respectfully encourage its passage to allow eligible asylum seekers at public universities in Oregon to access in-state tuition rates.

HB 2586 supports a path to self-sufficiency for people in our state who are seeking asylum.

Immigrant workers in Oregon contribute to the tax-base. Providing access to educational opportunities is an investment in Oregon and the future.

A well-educated workforce is a strong asset for Oregon businesses, farms and industry. Our workforce includes immigrant workers.

Thank you for reading my testimony. I strongly urge that you will support passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Zeller