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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2586

Dear Senate Committee on Education:

I support this bill and its intention to open access to educational opportunities to those who are persecuted or otherwise need to seek asylum. The constant gutting of government programs means individuals attempting to pursue the legally acceptable way to obtain citizenship results in long wait times for asylum, setting people back in their education and professional development. Allowing asylum seekers who are already utilizing the "appropriate" methods for obtaining citizenship in Oregon, should be given this benefit as it ultimately benefits all of us to have asylum seekers in our communities. This bill would eliminate a barrier to education that is necessary to obtain work and further themselves as professionals.

Thank you.