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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or SB5701  
Topic:

Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse,

I am writing to express my strong support for Consejo Hispano in their goal of purchasing and repurposing an old church in Astoria and establishing Casa Mariposa there. I urge the subcommittee to help the community in Astoria make this purchase possible. Consejo Hispano is doing vital work for our community, providing resources, education and support for some of our most vulnerable neighbors. Although I farm on property just outside of Astoria, I also rent space in the old YMCA building across the street from the property in question to store dried flowers and products for my farm. I have watched the old church come alive since Consejo Hispano moved in, and enjoy meeting folks coming and going there. I can think of no better use for the old church than to become Casa Mariposa, giving a permanent home in the heart of our community to this great organization and the community members they serve.

Thank you for your consideration and interest in this project,

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