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On Behalf Of:
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Topic:

Good morning,

I am writing to express my support of Casa Mariposa, a request to the sub-committee to help the community in Astoria purchase and repurpose a vacant church near the downtown core in Astoria. Funding this request will help stabilize the entire service community on the North Coast, and allow Consejo Hispano to use their restricted grant funds and donations on providing essential services to the Latine/Latinx community across 3 counties.

Casa Mariposa and Consejo Hispano provide support to over 15,000 residents of Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook counties in Oregon. They assist with translation services, tax prep, career placement, provide a childcare facility, host the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter in partnership with the City of Astoria, share office space with the Chinook Nations. They enrich the North coast with cultural integration by hosting year round events that all of those who reside on the North Coast.

Their target demographic includes recent migrants, second and third generations, families, children, and the elderly. No one who needs assistance is turned away, including those who may not fit into their target demographic but remain underserved as a part of the general population in rural Oregon. It is more important than ever that leaders in Oregon stand with the immigrant communities that make America the beautiful and diverse country it was meant to be. Their contributions are incalculable and this financial support would be pivotal in ensuring that we are able to continue and maintain support to the youth and their families in this critical time.

Warm regards,

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