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To Whom it May Concern,

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On behalf of Refugee Dream Center, I am writing to express our support for House Bill 5674, which would prohibit a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations.

Refugee Dream Center has long been an advocate for safe housing for refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants alike. An individual's immigration status should not be a barrier to creating a safe home, free from persecution. There are enough barriers to safe and affordable housing - immigration or citizenship status should not be another.

House Bill 5674 is crucial to stopping hate and prejudice from impacting the housing of refugees and immigrants. It will also help the hundreds of mixed status families who are receiving threats of calling ICE by their landlords, something that has unfortunately become more common in the past months.

On behalf of the refugee and immigrant community, we urge the Committee to approve this legislation and protect the state's immigrant community from prejudice and bias. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or for further conversation on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teddi Jallow", with a small flourish at the end.

Teddi Jallow
Executive Director