

Aliza Barraza

From: Aimee Myers <amyers46@asu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 3:04 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Letter of Support - Refugee Food Assistance

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Aimee Myers and I am a resident of Pima County. I am also a Master's of Social Work student at ASU and interning at Iskashitaa Refugee Network. I am contacting you today with regard to the impacts of the Reconciliation Package (HR 1) on our newest refugee neighbors. At a time when we should be focused on how to best integrate the newest members of our community, we are instead focused on how to ensure their survival given dramatic changes to critical lifeline services.

Refugees in Arizona are resilient- rebuilding their lives and strengthening our communities as they start small businesses, address food scarcity by starting community gardens, and help to meet critical workforce needs in healthcare and other sectors. The limited and temporary services that they receive upon arrival are a lifeline to stabilization and a safe and humane integration process.

I write today to ask that Pima County support the positive impact of refugees on our local communities, and invest in programs that will ensure economic stability and prosperity for our entire community. I urge you to support:

- **Emergency funding for community food banks** to address immediate needs
- **Emergency funding for refugee support programs that deliver trusted guidance, basic needs assistance and accredited legal services:** Refugee serving organizations are a trusted source of information, basic needs coordination, and also are DoJ accredited to deliver immigration legal services but require support for rapid scaling and capacity building to meet the moment.
- **Pima County to work with AZDES** on English language, workforce and volunteer programs and **AZDOT** on state IDs/driver's license renewal to remove unnecessary barriers and streamline processes as outlined in the Addendum Agenda

The people are core to the success of Arizona's economy and the state thrives when we invest in the residents of our state. Please take action to ensure that refugees are supported as valuable long-term members and contributors of our Pima County community.

Sincerely,

Aimee Myers

ASU MSW Intern - Iskashitaa Refugee Network

PCC ARC Resource Center and Food Pantry

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From: Hirwa Harerimana [REDACTED]
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I can do all this through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

Herve Harerimana