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Hello Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I hope you're all well! Please find a public comment from a Chinese-speaking community member below regarding the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC), followed by its English translation. Let me know if you have any questions, thank you!

Warmest,
Crystal

Chinese Public Comment

大家好，我叫Christina，是华促会的外展员。三藩市有一个独立永久的移民权益委员会是至关重要的。独立永久性确保了委员会能够无畏地监测及实践政府对移民权利的落实情况，并能有效的为数百万面临边缘化、歧视甚至剥削的移民发声。只有保持独立永久，委员会才能及时、客观地推动政策改革，确保所有移民工人和家庭的权益得到真正的保护，不受到任何反移民政治或行政压力的影响。

成功推行语言服务条例离不开移民权益委员会的支持和合作。三藩市是一个多元化的移民社区，语言服务网络汇集了多个社区组织的力量，同移民权益委员会一齐；共同倡导移民社区克服语言障碍，保障了三藩市的多元化城市对移民社区的承诺和尊重。

9月30日我带同孩子去华埠警察局报案，因为孩子受到欺凌和恐吓；当时带着非常沉重的心情来到警察局，但得以安慰的是警察局给我安排了我熟悉的语言服务，让我能顺利的与警察诉求我的需要和帮助。

希望支持移民权益委员会保留独立永久性，以及继续监测和完善语言服务条例。谢谢！

English Translation

Hello everyone! My name is Christina, and I am an Outreach Specialist with Chinese for Affirmative Action.

In San Francisco, it's essential for the city to have an independent and permanent Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC). This distinct and continuous aspect of the Commission ensures that government entities can be fearlessly monitored and held accountable for upholding immigrant rights, effectively representing and amplifying the voices of millions who face marginalization, discrimination, or even exploitation.

The IRC can only readily and strategically promote policy reforms and advocate for the rights of all immigrant workers and families by remaining an independent and permanent advisory body, combating any anti-immigrant political and administrative influence.

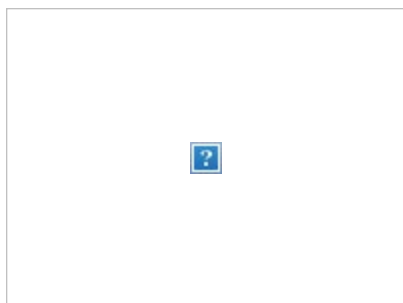
For example, the implementation of the Language Access Ordinance would not have been as favorable without the support and collaboration of the Immigrant Rights

Commission. A city with a richly diverse immigrant population, San Francisco has turned to the collective strength of the San Francisco Language Access Network, numerous community organizations, and the Immigrant Rights Commission to help immigrant communities overcome language barriers. As a result, we have worked to ensure that our city remains deeply committed to inclusion and respect for all immigrant residents.

On September 30 of this year, I visited the Chinatown Police Station with my child to report an incident of bullying and intimidation. Arriving at the station with a heavy heart, I was quickly supported by an English-speaking officer who recognized my language needs and arranged for telephonic interpretation services. Thanks to this assistance, I was able to effectively communicate my concerns and request the help I needed.

Therefore, I hope you will have the Immigrant Rights Commission maintain its independence and permanence, as it will help to monitor and streamline services and language access for our immigrant families. Thank you!

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