

## **Araceli Camacho**

Good afternoon Chair and members of this committee. My name is **Aracely Camacho**. I live in Clackamas County. I am a volunteer with the Oregon Food Bank. I am a mother of 3 children, and two of them were born in this country. I am addressing you this afternoon because the HB 2819 is of high importance to me and I would like to request your support for it.

House Bill 2819 would help a lot of families with children born here and with family members that use an ITIN . They could purchase more healthy foods, and have the economic opportunity of signing up their children for extracurricular activities. Families would thrive and become integrated as part of a society where everyone is considered equal and recognized as folks that contribute to the local economy.

I do not want to be a charge for the government. I become a charge when I work, pay taxes and I am not able to meet my basic needs. Because after paying my taxes I am required to pay more taxes! If I have children born here, why to remove from them, the benefit of their parents' efforts, and their benefit of the Earned Income Tax Credit?

This pandemic has shown how unfair in this country the various systems are. It has shown how much people of color, people with ITIN numbers are disproportionately affected. We do not have the opportunity of opening a savings account to face a pandemic or family emergency situations! Do not leave behind any worker! I am requesting you to support HB 2819.