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Hello! I am writing from Tigard to encourage you to support Senate Bill 610, Food for All Oregonians, which will ensure everyone in our state, whatever their immigration status, has access to food assistance.

During this past week's major snowstorm, after finally making it home to Tigard from my job in NE Portland after ELEVEN hours on the road, I reflected on how lucky I was to be warm, safe, and have plenty of food. My immigrant and refugee neighbors, on the other hand, face high rates of poverty and food insecurity. AND they are not eligible for valuable benefits such as SNAP that could assist them in their time of need.

I hope you will support Food for All Oregonians and create a state-funded program that eliminates exclusions to SNAP and makes applying for assistance more welcoming. When all of us in the state have access to fresh, healthy food, all of Oregon thrives. This is why I am urging your yes vote on SB 610.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our beautiful state. I am proud to be an Oregonian.

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