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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services
Measure: SB610
Subject: Yes on SB 610

Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Robinson, Members of the Committee:

My name is Fabian and I live in Portland I am writing in support of Senate Bill 610, Food for All Oregonians which would ensure all of our neighbors, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need.

Many in our community are not able to access food benefits simply because of where they were born or where their parents were born. Food for All Oregonians will create a state-funded program that eliminates exclusions to SNAP and make applying for assistance more welcoming. Even when folks qualify, because many folks live in mixed immigration status households some decide not to apply because of fear of deportation. SB 610, will address those fears it will build on successful, community-driven navigator models to ensure trust and community safety. Additionally, SB 610, ensures everyone is aware of this vital support through community navigation and outreach, improved language access, and more.

We know that when we all have access to food, we're all better off. Kids do better in school, our families' health and well-being improve, and our economy thrives through the support of local businesses.

This is why I am urging your yes vote on SB 610. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Fabian