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Thank you all for taking the time to make food access for all a primary issue in Oregon.

Food is something that can nourish, bring communities together and build positive experiences. This is how we can move as a state to ensure that everyone in our state has their food needs supported and welcomed. Many of our immigrant communities are the exact people who are in the fields, day after day, supporting our agricultural system to bring food to our neighborhoods. They deserve the same right to food as we do. The next time you sit down with your loved ones, think about how that food was cultivated and the humans behind that work to ensure your nourishment. We can nourish everyone in our state. Take the bold decision to make this a reality for every person in our state. Together we can do this!

At **Growing Gardens**, an Oregon nonprofit with over 27 years of experience, we work across the state of Oregon to ensure that children, families and individuals who are currently incarcerated have access to healthy and culturally nourishing foods. We are building a green workforce that will be the next generation of food system leaders. Food is the building blocks in our community. When people are fed and nourished foods that bring deep cultural connections we all win. **Growing Gardens is in full support of Senate Bill 610, Food For All Oregonians.**

This is why we urge your yes vote on SB 610. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

**Jason Skipton**  
Executive Director  
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We help people grow their own food!

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