

Everyone in Oregon should have access to food, no matter where we're from. Our freedom, our health, our ability to thrive all depend on access to food that is nutritious and culturally familiar.

When our communities are well nourished, we are all better off. Kids do better in school, our families' health and well-being improves, and our economy thrives through support of local businesses. This is true in every corner of our state – in rural, urban and suburban communities alike.

THE PROBLEM:

A Hunger Crisis in Our Communities

Hunger was a crisis in our communities before the pandemic, and the health and economic impacts of COVID-19 have fallen hardest on newly-arrived Oregonians. Immigrants, refugees and Compact of Free Association (COFA) community members, in particular, have long faced higher rates of hunger and poverty in Oregon. Just one example: Latinx and Pacific Islander families experienced hunger at twice the rate of White Oregonians pre-pandemic – and this gap has only widened as our communities continue to struggle with COVID's ongoing impact and the rising cost of living.

Despite significant investments, current food assistance policies continue to exclude tens of thousands of Oregonians from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (sometimes called "SNAP" or "food stamps") and other vital support for our families. People who are excluded include Oregonians who are essential to sustaining food production, childcare, healthcare institutions, education, transportation, and other critical services throughout the state.

THE SOLUTION:

Food for All Oregonians

Six states have successfully implemented state-funded programs that improve eligibility for SNAP. Modeled after these programs and built with the expertise of Oregonians with lived experiences of hunger and our immigration system, the Food for All Oregonians legislation (SB 610) will:

- Create a state-funded program that eliminates exclusions to SNAP
- Build on successful, community-driven navigator models to ensure trust and community safety
- Make applying for assistance more welcoming and culturally responsive

This effort is supported by a broad coalition of more than 50 organizations, with a steering committee led by: Adelante Mujeres, APANO, The Latinx & Immigrant Family Wellness Hub (Centro Latino Americano, Downtown Languages, Huerto de la Familia), Micronesia Islander Community, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, Oregon Food Bank, Unite Oregon.

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CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE



CAMPAIGN ENDORSERS (103)

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