

Good evening Chairs Steiner and Sanchez; Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith; Members of the Committee: My name is Jose Luis Cuna. I live in Ontario Oregon and I support Food For All Oregonians, SB 610. I believe food is a human right for all.

I have lived experience and know firsthand what it feels like to go hungry. In 1989 I came to the United States as an undocumented citizen and due to my status I could not access food benefits afforded to others. Due to the language barrier we did not know how to access many support systems in this country. I had to find food at churches and other nonprofit organizations for myself and my family.

After many years of struggling I was able to find work as an undocumented person in the fields. Many hours spent in the onions, beets, but that is where I begin to find out about resources from my fellow field workers such as WIC. This was a lifeline for our family. Without support like this I don't know how we could've survived.

Please support the Food For All Oregonians Campaign SB 610. I know too many people at this moment in Oregon that don't have access for food to feed their families. Expanding Food Stamps is not only good for our community, it is good for all of Oregon. Food For All Oregonians will raise the overall health of all our community for a better Oregon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jose Luis Cuna