



To whom it may concern,

We as the Hillsboro Youth Advisory Council (YAC) support SB 1585: Equal Access to Hot Food, and we urge you to vote YES. Our mission as YAC is to serve and improve the Hillsboro community through positive activities, strengthening relationships, appreciating diversity, and forming more supportive relationships between youth and adults. YAC members develop, organize, participate in and manage a number of community events, programs and service projects throughout the school year. We also advocate for issues that are prevalent in Oregon, such as the hunger and food insecurity many face.

This bill, if passed, will change the lives of many elderly people in Oregon. It will open new doors and opportunities for people who may be disabled, by creating more affordable, accessible meal options. Currently, 1 in 5 people in Oregon face food insecurity, this is a dramatic increase since it was 1 in 11 people prior to the pandemic. Additionally, 17% of Oregon SNAP recipients are 60 or older, and 22% reported living with a disability. Alongside the accessibility aspect this bill would promote, it will also help Oregonians with no access to a secure kitchen or a place to prepare food.

To help better Oregon, Vote Yes, on SB 1585.

Hillsboro Youth Advisory Council

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