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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB644  
Chair Gelser Blouin and Members of the Committee.

My name is Maxine, and I'm from Portland, OR. I work for Oregon Food Bank to rescue the excess food from grocery and retail stores across our state.

I oppose SB 644 and write to you today to show support for Oregon Food Bank. Have you ever been hungry? Do you know why people go hungry in our country? in our State? The system we inherited is built on inequity. That means that some people have less access to wealth, support systems, education, jobs, parks, you name it. And you know it. I am blessed to work in a space that finds ways to redirect food that would otherwise be bound for the landfill. I can help nourish people all across this State, and reduce waste. I champion feeding people, and hold this as a guiding principle. But we will always have food insecurity in this state if we continue as we have. Organized people have a voice that is heard and can drive change. OFB has earned my trust.

This audit will take up valuable resources to distract. There are already audit systems in place that already do this work. I ask you to find ways to feed all Oregonians, to end hunger and its root causes.

May you recognize your greatness,  
Maxine Chaney