

**All Oregonians deserve access to food.** Immigration status shouldn't exclude anyone from being able to feed themselves or their family.

**When our communities are well nourished, we are all better off.** Health outcomes improve and health care costs decrease, kids do better in school, families are more likely to stay in their homes and avoid eviction, and our economy thrives through support of local businesses. For every dollar spent with SNAP, \$1.50 goes back into Oregon's economy. This is true in every corner of our state — in rural, urban and suburban communities alike.

#### THE PROBLEM:

## A Hunger Crisis in Our Communities

The combined impact of the pandemic and rising cost of living have worsened hunger and poverty across Oregon. Today, 1 in 6 children in Oregon don't have enough to eat and immigrant and refugee communities face the greatest barriers to food access despite paying billions in taxes.

Our food assistance policies continue to exclude thousands of Oregonians from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (sometimes called "SNAP" or "food stamps"). 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

Five states, including Washington and California, have state-funded programs that improve SNAP eligibility for immigrants and refugees. 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 in 2025 will:

- Create a state-funded program that makes food assistance available to Oregonian's youth and elders (ages 0-25 and 55+) who are currently excluded due to immigration status
- Build on successful, community-driven navigator models to ensure trust and community safety
- Make applying for assistance more welcoming and culturally responsive

Food assistance through programs like SNAP has been proven to yield significant improvements for health outcomes, reduce the state's health care costs, improve children's academic performance, reduce chronic school absenteeism, reduce the household's risk of eviction, and more. Food for All Oregonians provides Oregon lawmakers with an opportunity to ensure all youth and elders in Oregon have access to food.

Food for All Oregonians is broadly supported among thousands of statewide constituents, bipartisan state leaders, and a coalition of more than 165 organizations.

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## CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE



## CAMPAIGN ENDORSERS (165+)

1st Baptist HOPE Food Pantry, 211 Info, Accent Network, Access Care Anywhere, Adelante Mujeres, Afghan Support Network, Afghanistan Oregon Association, AFL-CIO, African Refugee Immigrant Organization (ARIO), African Youth & Community Organization (ayco), APANO, Arab American Cultural Center of Oregon, ARISE and Shine, Basic Rights Oregon (BRO), Beyond Toxics, Black Oregon Land Trust, Blanchet House of Hospitality, CAMPO, Cascade Aids Project (CAP), Catholic Community Services of Lane County (CCSLC), Central City Concern, Centro Cultural, Children's Institute, Clackamas Community College, Clackamas Service Center, Clay Street Table, Columbia Gorge Women's Action Network, Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC), Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc., Community for Positive Aging - Asian Food Pantry, Community Pulse Association, Consejo Hispano, Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network, Eastern Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children (EOAEOYC), Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living (EOCIL), Eat Drink Washington County, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Educate Ya, Estacada Area Food Bank, Ethiopian and Eritrean Cultural and Resource Center, Eugene-Springfield SURJ, EUVALCREE, Familias en Acción, Family Forward, Farmers Market Fund, Feed'em Freedom Foundation, First Tech Credit Union, Food Corps NW, Food for Families, FOOD For Lane County, Food Roots, Forest Grove Foundation, Friends of Family Farmers, Gorge Grown Food Network, Growing Gardens, Guerreras Latinas, HAKI Community Organization, Hand Up Project, Healthcare for All Oregon, High Desert Food and Farm Alliance, Hood River County Board of Commissioners, Hood River Latino Network (HRLN), Human Services Coalition of Oregon, Innovation Law Lab, Interfaith Alliance on Poverty, Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ), IRCO, Iu Mien Association of Oregon, Ka Aha Lahui O Olekona, Klamath Grown, Lane Community College, Latino Community Association, Latino Network, Lending A Helping Hand, Lift UP, Living Islands Non-profit, Maihan Social and Cultural Community, Malheur County Democratic Central Committee, Medford Food Co-op, Metro City Council, Mercy Connections Inc, Micronesian Islander Community (MIC Oregon), Milwaukie Spanish SDA Church, Montavilla Farmers Market, Muslim Educational Trust, National Partnership for New Americans, Neighborhood House, New Seasons, Next Up Action Fund, Nonprofit Association of Oregon, North Coast Food Web, Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides, Northwest Family Services, NOWIA Unete Center for Farm Worker Advocacy, Nutrition Garden RX, OneAdonal (we help!), Ontario Mini Market, Oregon AFSCME, Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries (OARN), Oregon Center for Public Policy (OCP), Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Network, Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Health Equity Alliance, Oregon Human Development Corporation, Oregon Hunger Task Force, Oregon Just Transition Alliance, Oregon Latino Health Coalition (OLHC), Oregon Law Center (OLC), Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV), Oregon Organic Coalition, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Rural Action, Oregon School Based Health Alliance, Oregon State University-Extension, Oregon Synod, Oregon Worker Relief, Our Children Oregon, Our Community Birth Center, Pacific Refugee Support Group, Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon, Partnership for Safety and Justice, PCUN, People's Food Co-op, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad, Portland Central Kitchen, Portland Open Bible Community Pantry, Raíces, Reedsport Collective, Right To Health, Inc, RISEN Community, Rogue Farm Corps, Rogue Food Unites, Rural Organizing Project (ROP), Sanctuary Committee of Temple Beth Israel, Sarah's Foster Care, Seed to Table Oregon, SEIU Local 503, Sisters of the Road, SnowCap, Social Justice Coalition, Central Lutheran Church, Portland, Somali American Council Of Oregon (SACOO), Somali Oregon Service Center, Springfield Eugene Tenant Association, St. Timothy Episcopal Church, Start Raising Young African Lives, Ten Rivers Food Web, Tides of Change, Tikkun Olam Committee of Temple Beth Israel, Tillamook County Board of Commissioners, Tualatin Food Pantry, Tualatin Valley Gleaners, UFCW, Unite Oregon, United Congolese Community Organization of Oregon, Urban League of Portland, VIVA Inclusive Migrant Network, We Do Better Relief, Welcome Home Coalition, Western States Center, William Temple House, Willowbrook Food Pantry, Working Theory Farm, Zenger Farm