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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services SUBJECT: Yes on SB 611 Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Members of the Committee, Our founding Board Chair, Senator Mark Hatfield once remarked "We stand by as children starve by the millions because we lack the will to end hunger. But we have found the will to develop missiles capable of flying over the polar cap and landing within a few hundred feet of their target. This is not innovation. It is a profound distortion of humanity's purpose on earth." From Senator Hatfield, to our current board Chair Jason McNeal Graham, Northwest Health foundation's commitment to advancing health for everyone in our region has been steadfast. We envision a future where everyone has the opportunity to lead a healthy and successful life, however they define health and success. We don't reach that future when our neighbors and community members cannot afford to eat. So, we write this letter in strong support of Senate Bill 611, Food For All Oregonians, which would ensure Youth and Elderly Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy. Mark Hatfield spoke those words about hunger decades ago. We wish they weren't still apt today. You have the opportunity to make them less so by voting YES on SB 611. We hope you do. Thank you for your time and your service to Oregon. Sincerely, Felicity Montebianco