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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 611, which seeks to establish the Food for All Oregonians Program within the Department of Human Services.

I firmly believe that taxpayer funds should not be allocated to provide financial assistance to individuals who are in our state illegally. While I understand the importance of addressing food insecurity, it is essential to prioritize support for those who are legally residing in our state and contributing to our community.

By creating a program specifically for individuals based on their immigration status, we risk undermining the principles of fairness and accountability. It is crucial to ensure that our resources are directed toward those who have followed the legal pathways to residency and are fully integrated into our society.

Furthermore, this legislation could place an additional strain on our already limited state resources. Funding a new program could divert funds away from existing initiatives that support vulnerable populations, including families, children, and seniors who are legally eligible for assistance. Our focus should be on strengthening these programs rather than expanding benefits to those who are not legally entitled to them.

I urge you to consider the implications of SB 611 on our community and the responsible use of taxpayer dollars. Instead of establishing new programs that may create further divisions, we should prioritize solutions that support legal residents and foster a cohesive community.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I hope you will reconsider your support for this bill.