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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB 611. We must ensure that more individuals and families have access to essential food resources.

By extending food assistance to previously excluded populations, SB 611 would help reduce food insecurity, leading to adequate nutrition and healthier communities. This, in turn, would ease the strain on healthcare systems and contribute to overall community stability.

Expanding food assistance also benefits the economy. When people can afford food, they support local businesses, including grocery stores and markets, fostering economic growth.

Food is a basic human right. Ensuring that all Oregonians have access to proper nutrition, regardless of their background, is both a moral and ethical responsibility. Supporting SB 611 is a commitment to compassion for all residents.

Sincerely,
Ilene Vargas