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On Behalf Of: The All Saints Conference of St Vincent de Paul
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

I am testifying on behalf of The All Saints Conference of St Vincent de Paul. Our organization's mission includes offering person-to-person service to neighbors in need. This mission motivates us to provide the service of delivering emergency food boxes to households requesting assistance. With this mission and service in mind, our organization is in strong support of Senate Bill 611, Food For All Oregonians which would ensure Youth and Elderly Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, to have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy. Recipients of our services span a wide range of ages, ethnicities, and household sizes. Therefore, it is critical that we can rely on low cost access to nourishing food for all of our customers and that satisfies their diverse nutritional and financial needs. Also, providing complementary sources of nutritious and familiar foods, without limitations of budget nor immigration status, improves personal health, reduces personal and societal medical costs, and makes our communities stronger and more vibrant. To enable our organization to continue to accomplish our mission and improve community health, we urge legislators to vote YES on SB 611. Thank you for your consideration and support in this important measure, Bill Leineweber