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Food is a basic human right! Everyone should have accessible access to food! I have struggled the vast majority of my life to have access to food and I have also seen what that lack can do to others. I have also seen what having access to food can do for people - not having to worry about food helps them focus in other areas. I work in social services, which also means I work with a variety of folks from different walks of life. I have seen the struggle and heartbreak of folks who just want to have one of their basic needs met. But because of the way we decide to label people, they cannot gain that same access. Food is a basic human right! This is even stated in psychology under Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. Is is nothing some "woke" folks are crying about - this has been a FACT since the beginning of time. Food is a basic human right - and should be accessible to EVERYONE. You claim we cannot allow "undocumented" people access to food service programs because of reasons that are nothing but discriminatory. But you take their money, you take their cultural, you take their food, you take their land, you take anything you can - but never give. How can you expect folks to keep showing up and exist, if the vast majority of time they have to worry about how they will have enough food to feed themselves or their loved ones. I see the struggles my community faces, and I feel it in my bones, the way I once struggled. I am tired of seeing the injustice. Let my community, my neighbors, YOUR neighbors.. gain access to food. Food is a basic human right - and you can help resolve the issue, this fear of worrying about access to food, and make sure there is Food For All Oregonians!